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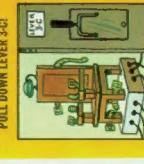
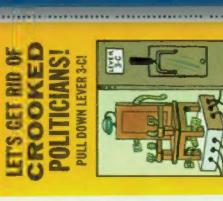
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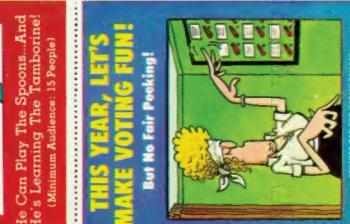
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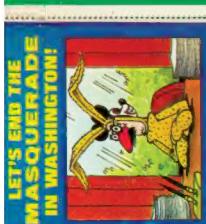


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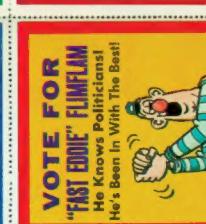
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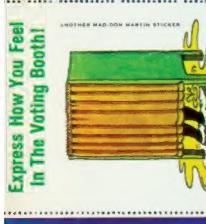


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WHAT CAN SEN. ED FREEN DO FOR YOU...?



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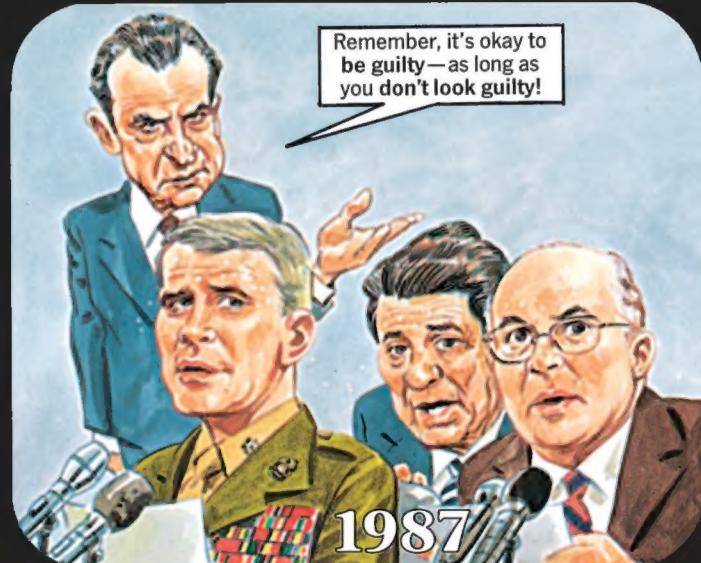
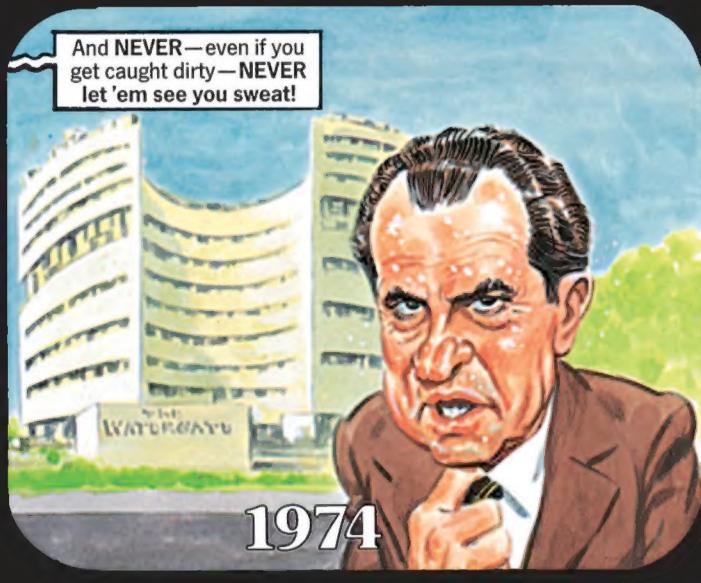
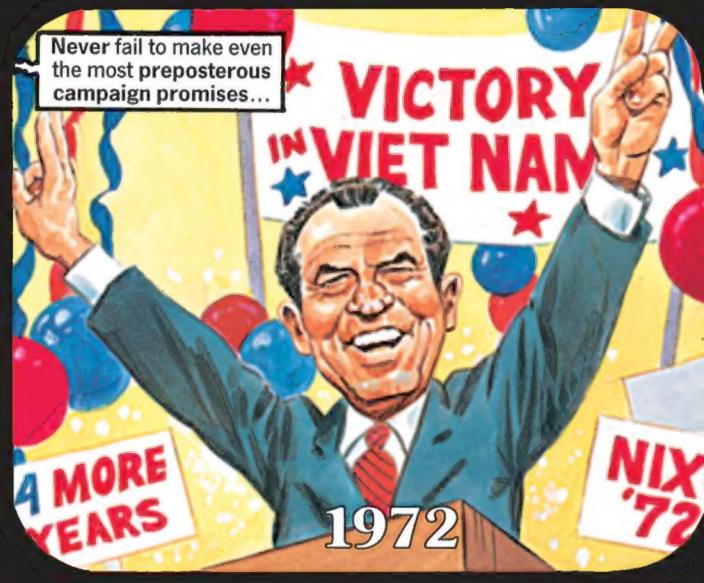
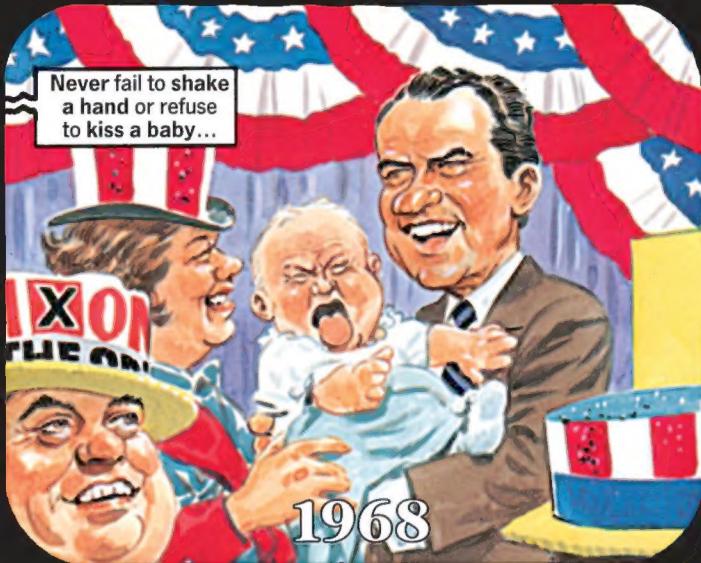
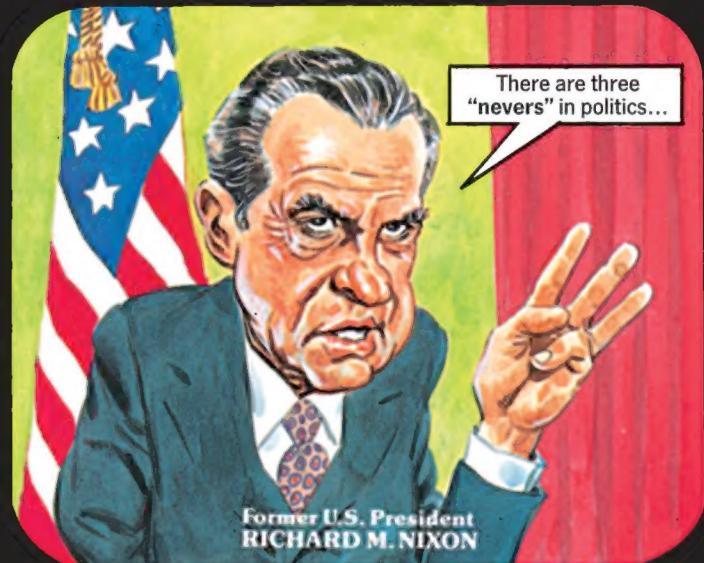
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GO VOTE!

A TV COMMERCIAL WE'D LIKE TO SEE





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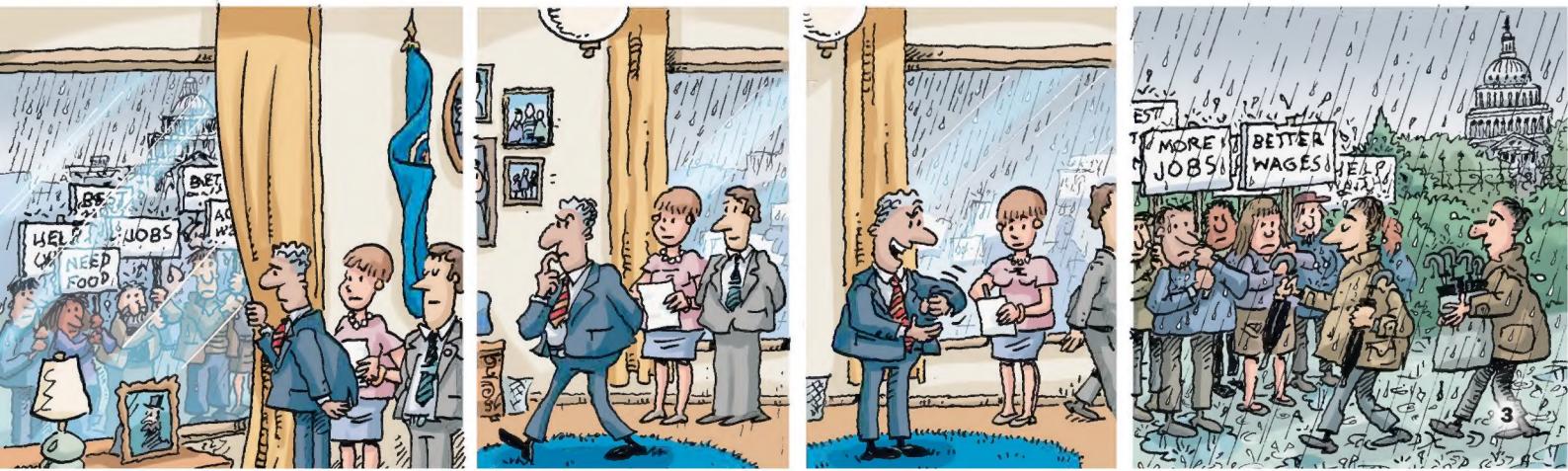
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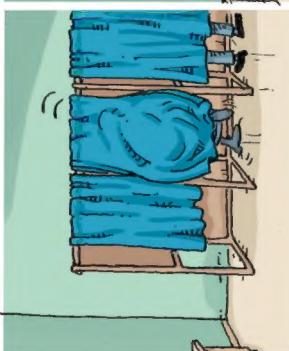
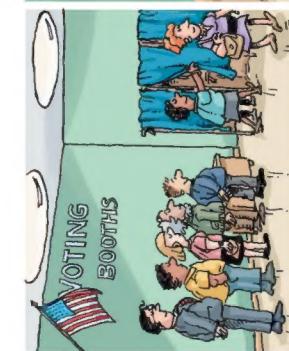
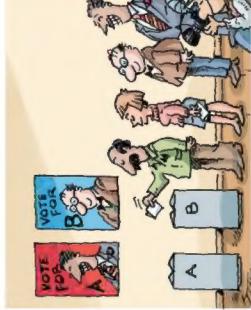
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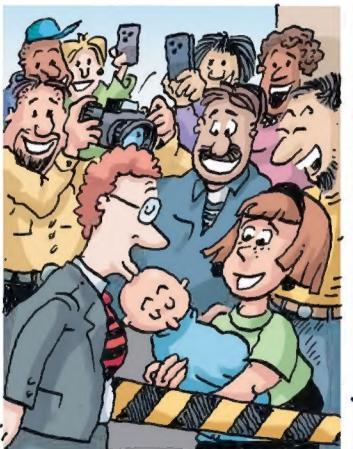
A MAD LOOK AT POLITICS



WRITER & ARTIST **SERGIO ARAGONÉS** COLORIST **CARRIE STRACHAN**









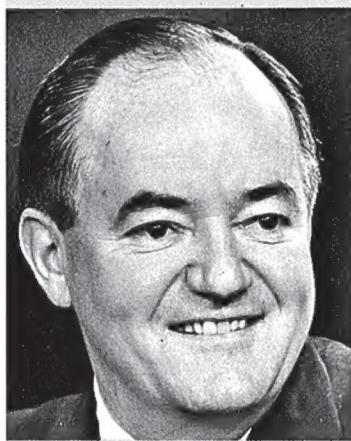
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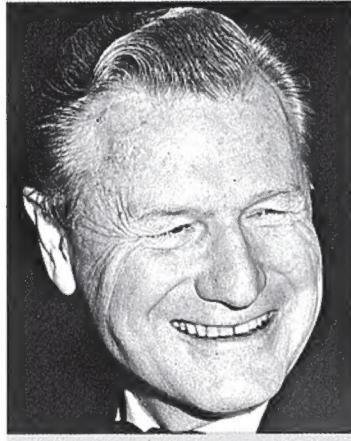
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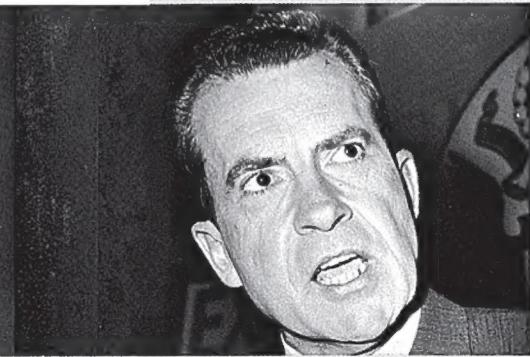
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CHARLES H. PERCY



MAYOR
JOHN V. LINDSAY



EX-VICE PRESIDENT
RICHARD M. NIXON



PIECE CANDIDATE DEPT.

In November, America will choose between the candidates of the two major political parties, and one of them will become President of the United States. But what about the other fine men who have vied for their Party's choice at recent National Conventions? And what about the other great men who weren't even in the running? If only we could take the best qualities of each and forge them into one ideal Presidential Candidate! If we *could*, we'd come up with:

MAD MAGAZINE'S IDEAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Conceived by Lou Silverstone

Researched by Max Brandel

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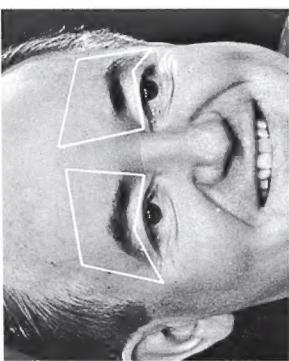
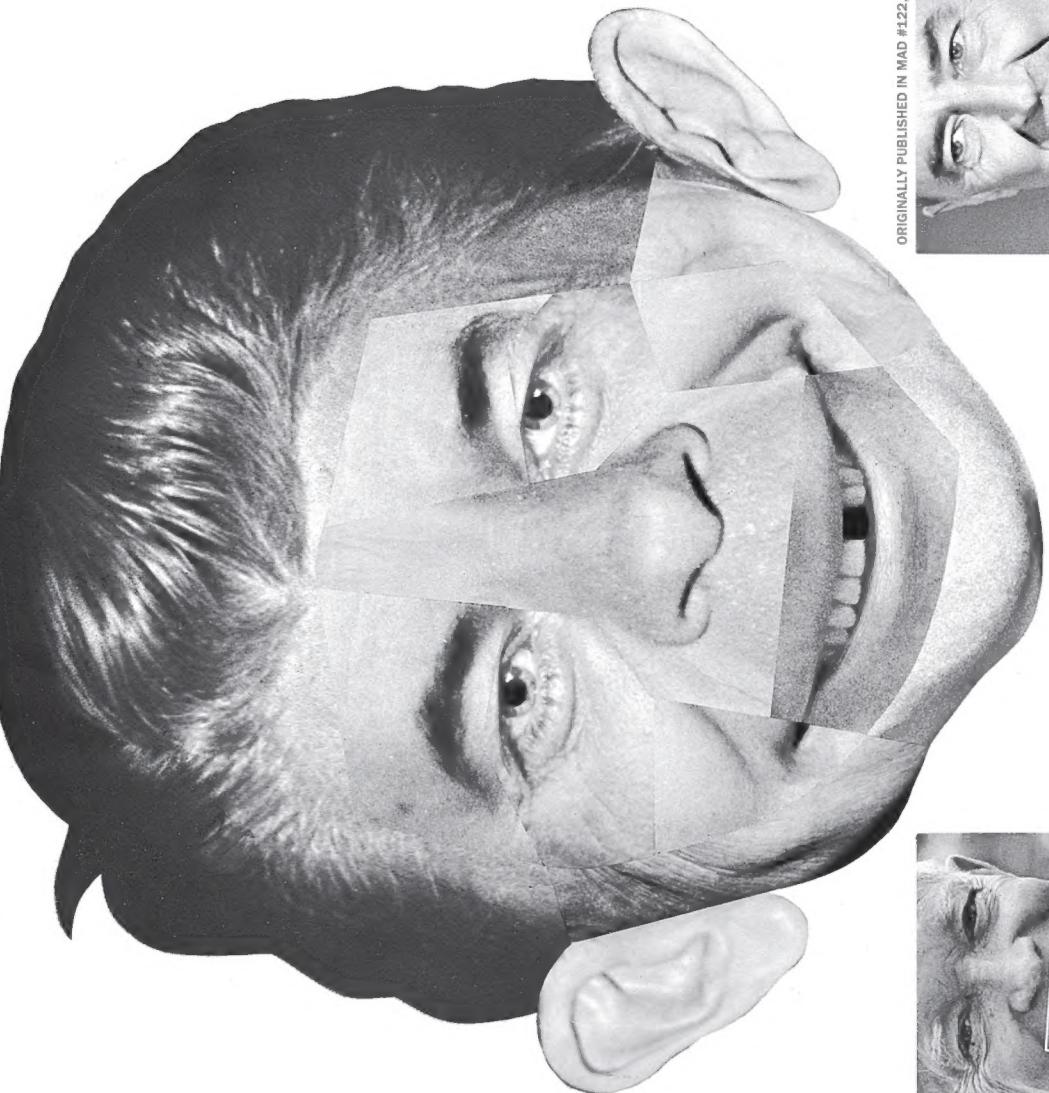


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MARK HATFIELD

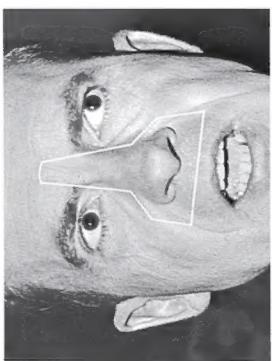


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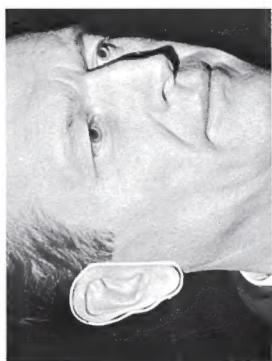
HERE IS MAD'S IDEAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE!



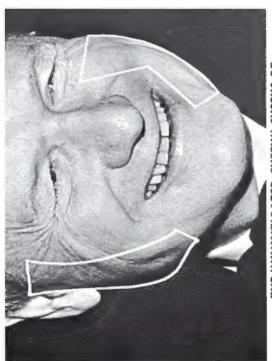
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Vice-President Hubert Humphrey



THE "ALWAYS-LOSES-BY-A-NOSE" NOSE OF
Richard M. Nixon



THE "EAR-TO-THE-RIGHT" RIGHT EAR OF
Mayor John V. Lindsay



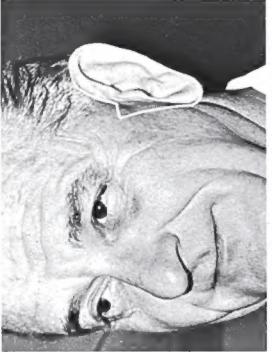
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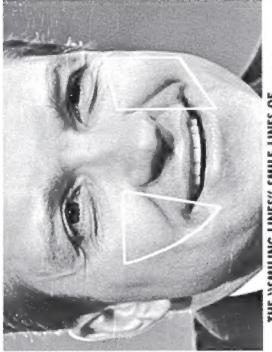
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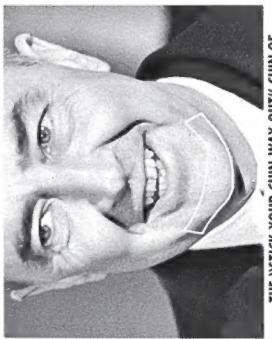
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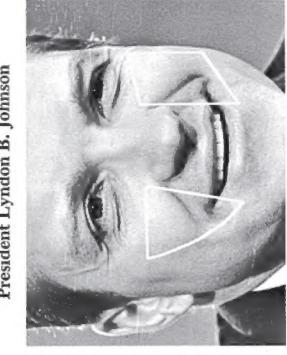
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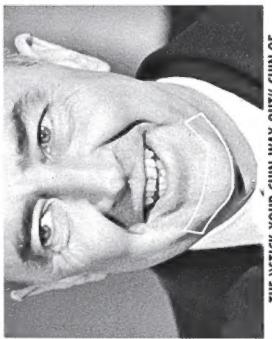
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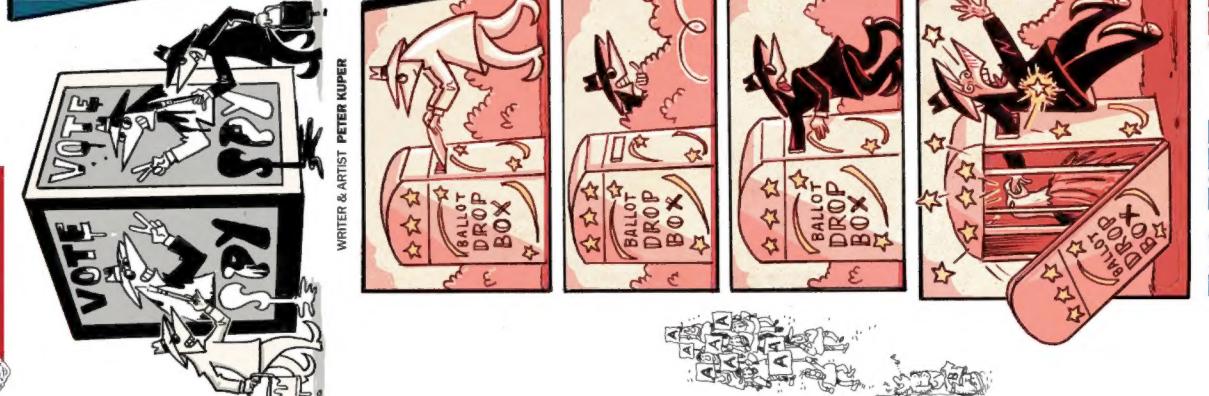
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THE "EAR-TO-THE-LEFT" LEFT EAR OF . . .
President Lyndon B. Johnson



THE "EAR-TO-THE-LEFT" LEFT EAR OF . . .
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DREDGE OF ALLEGIANCE DEPT.

WHITE HOUSE CORRUPTION

An EPA chief who denies climate change? Check! A frack-happy Secretary of the Interior who loves big-game trophy hunting? Check and check! A gaggle of inner-circle bozos burning jet fuel for personal jaunts? We hear Moscow is beautiful this time of year! And yet none of them can hold a candle to the king: Donald Trump has reportedly spent nearly \$80 million of U.S. taxpayer money on golf trips since taking office. Which has us thinking...



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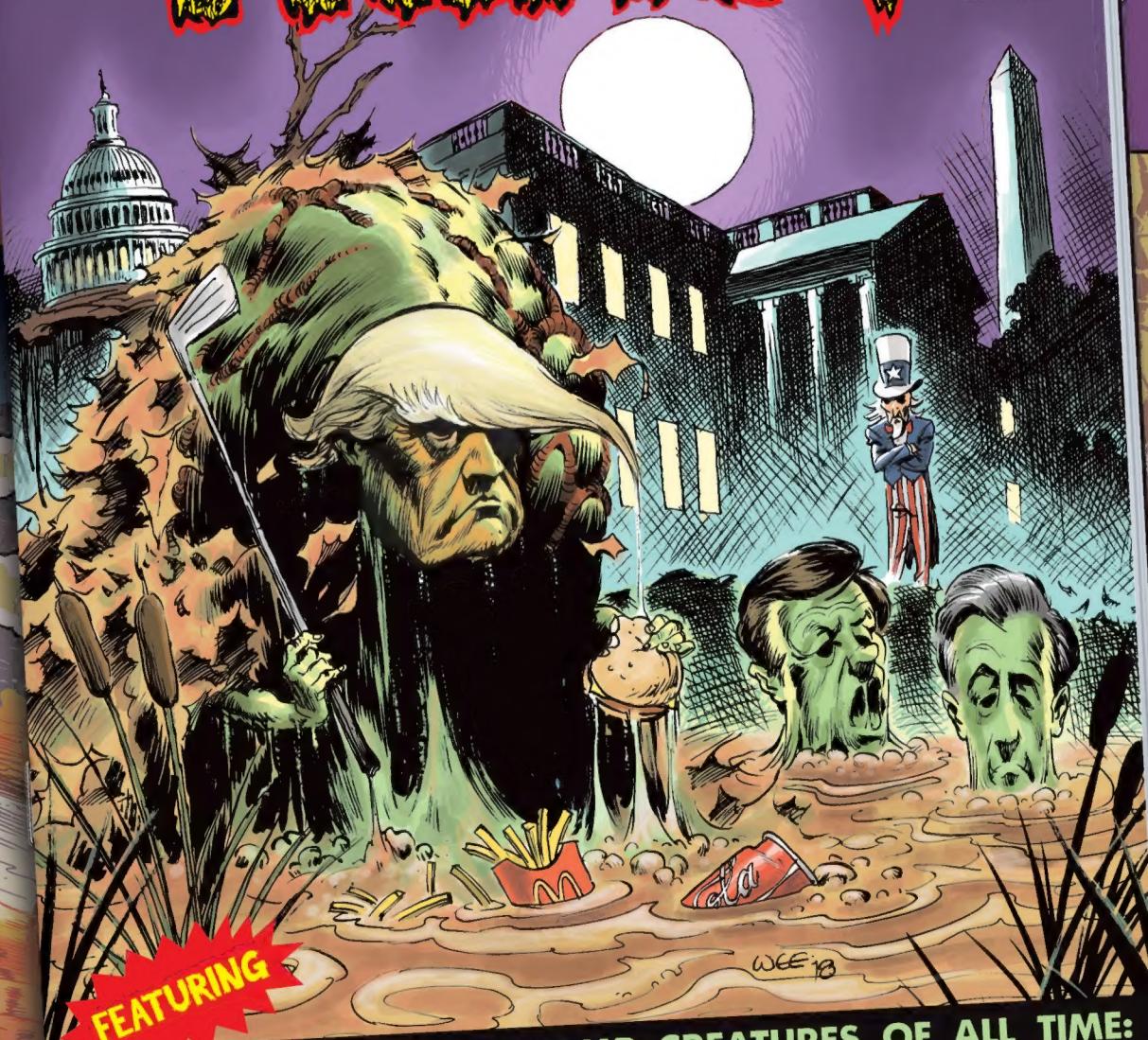
HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT DRAIN THE

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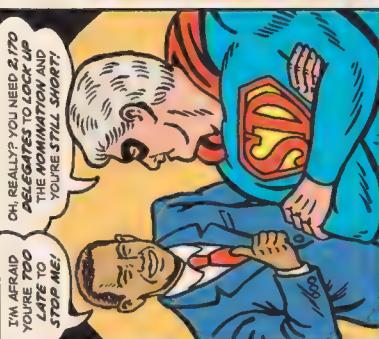
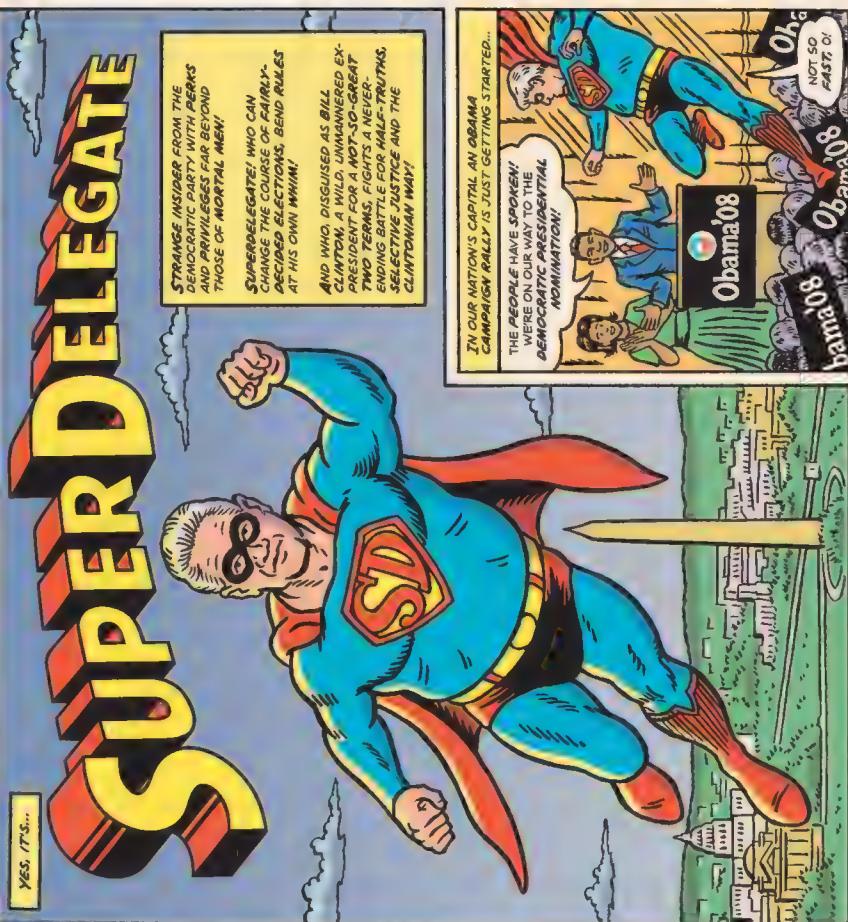
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FEATURING

THE GREATEST SWAMP CREATURES OF ALL TIME:

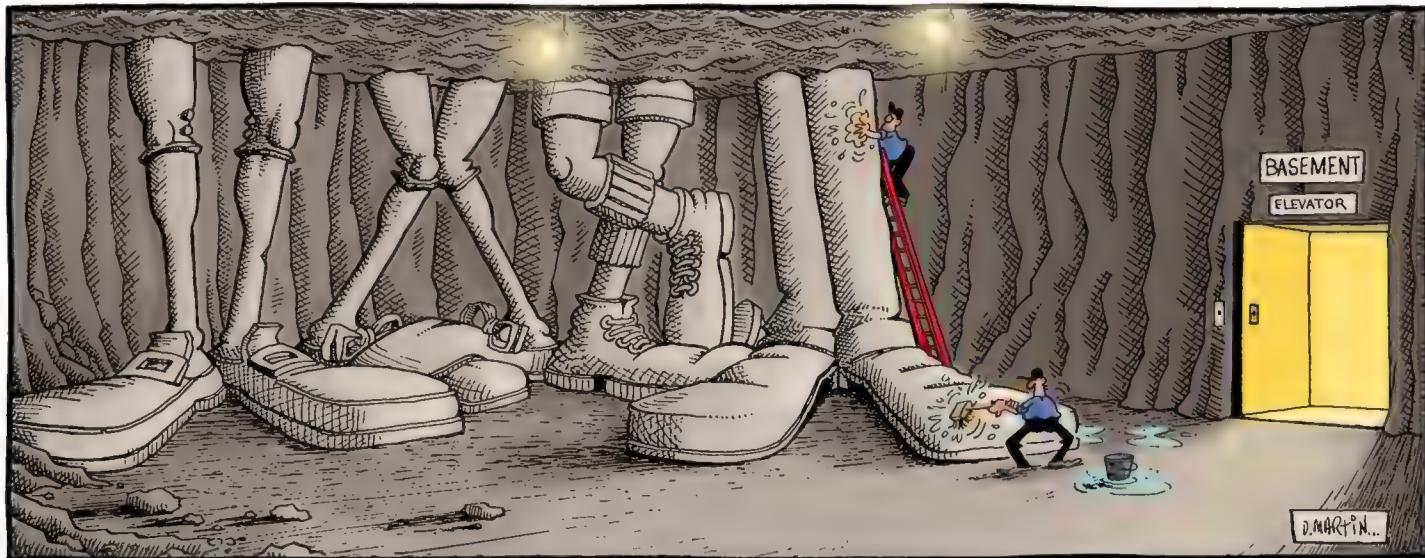
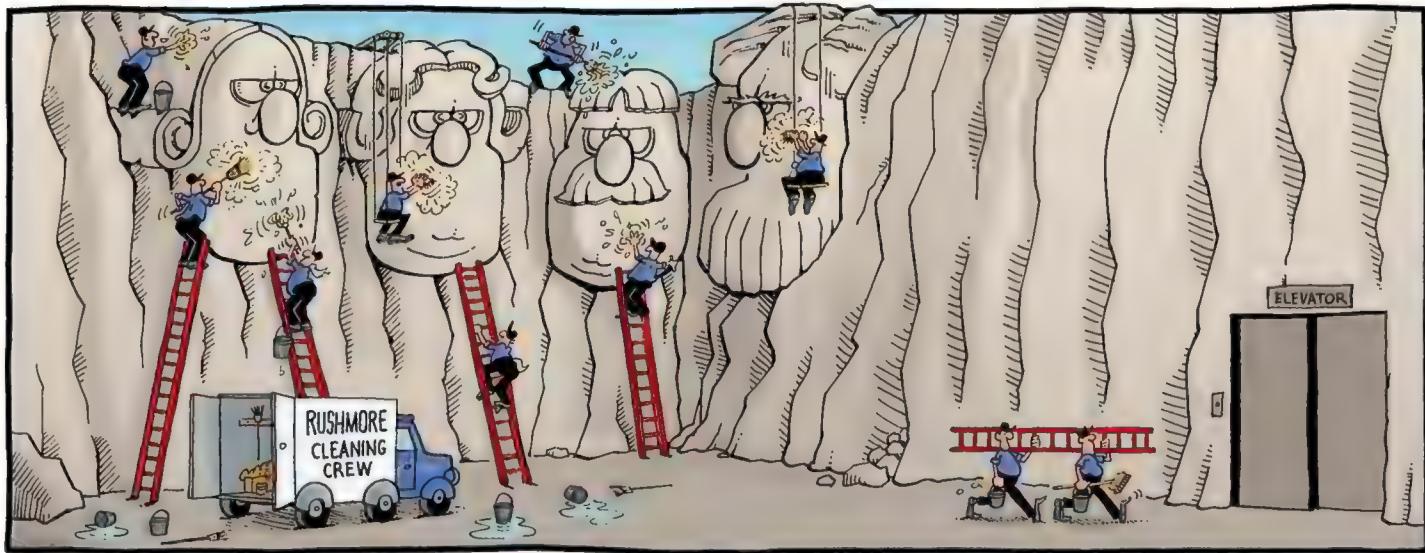
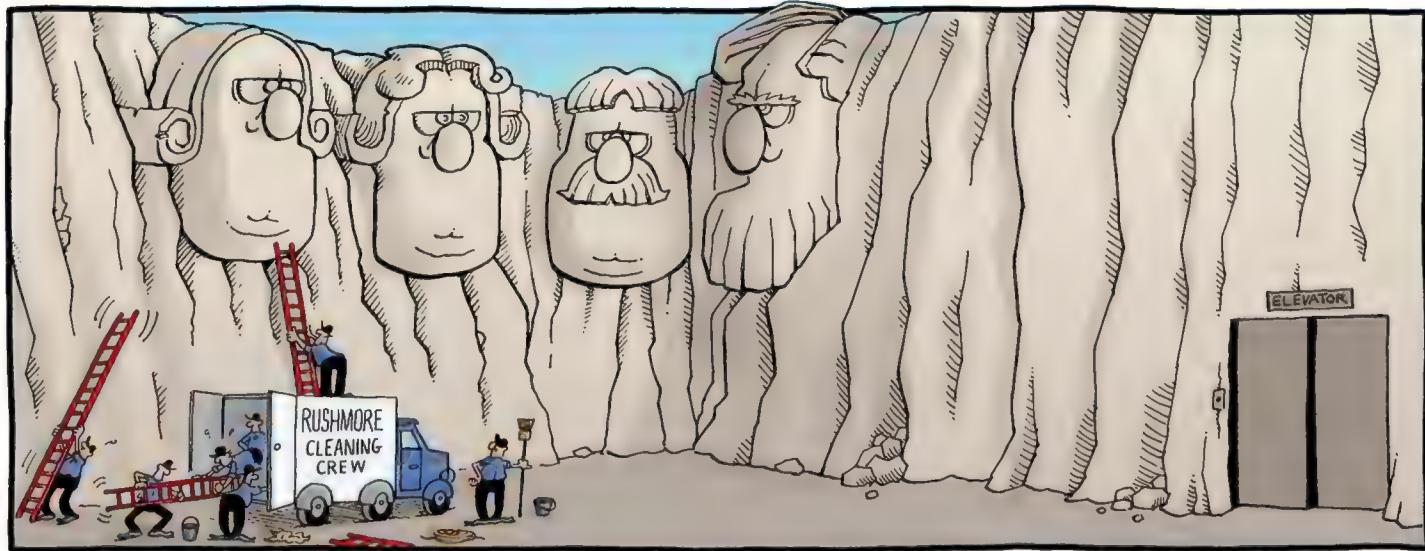
EPA ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE WILBUR ROSS, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR RYAN ZINKE, AND SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY STEVEN MNUCHIN!



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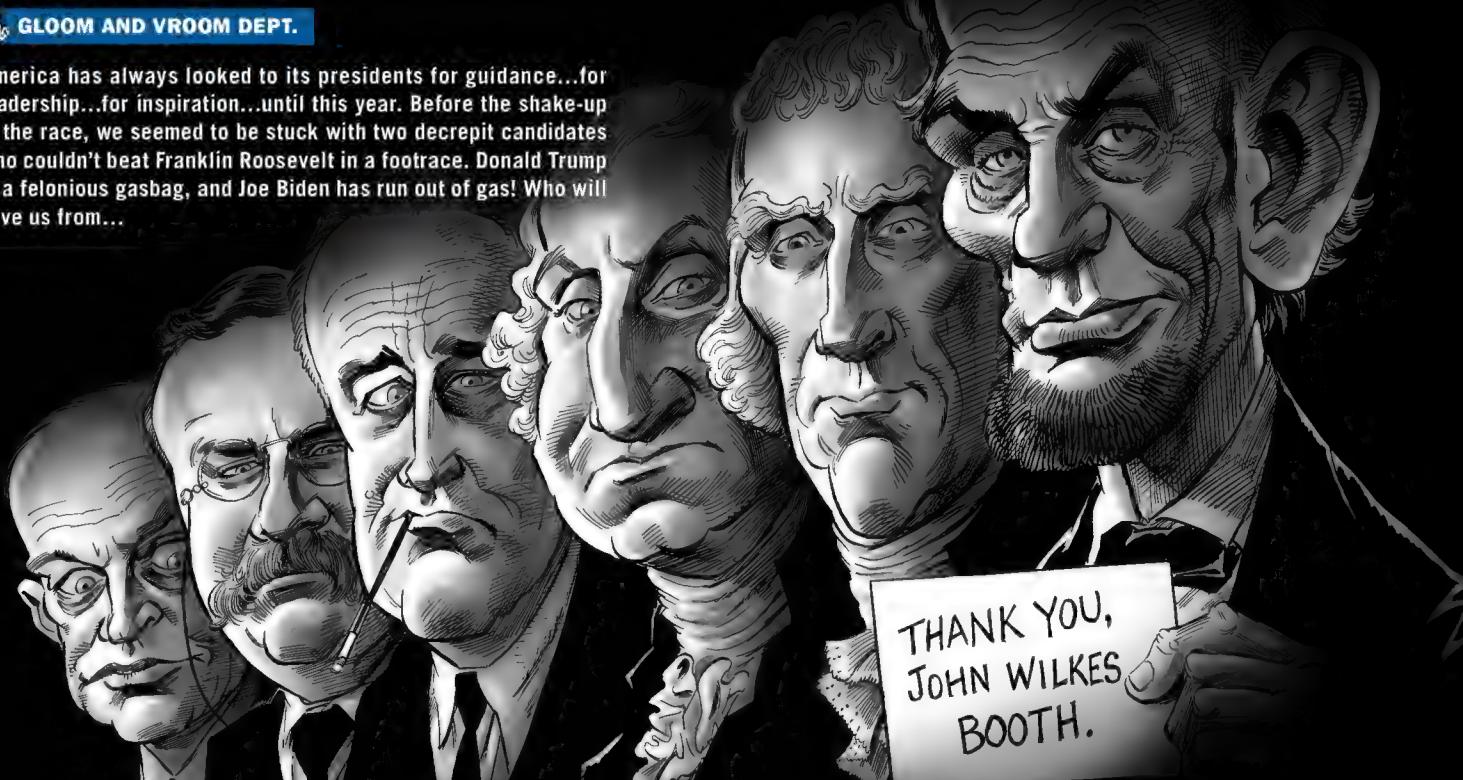
ONE DAY AT MOUNT RUSHMORE





GLOOM AND VROOM DEPT.

America has always looked to its presidents for guidance...for leadership...for inspiration...until this year. Before the shake-up in the race, we seemed to be stuck with two decrepit candidates who couldn't beat Franklin Roosevelt in a footrace. Donald Trump is a felonious gasbag, and Joe Biden has run out of gas! Who will save us from...



THANK YOU,
JOHN WILKES
BOOTH.

THE FASCIST & THE FEEBLEST

WRITER DESMOND DEVLIN ARTIST TOM RICHMOND

When I win this election, I will be a dictator, but only on day one! I'll be a tyrant on day two, a warlord on day three, and a modern-day Attila the Hun on day four! I'll rule with an iron fist. My tiny iron fist. Attila was a strong leader, and he liked me very much.

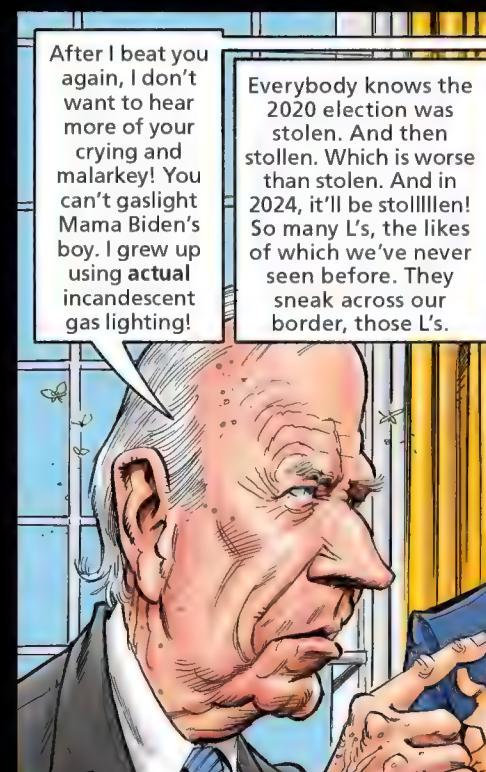
Whatever happens on Election Day, I won't know the results until Wednesday. The polls don't close until eight P.M., and that's after my bedtime!

After I beat you again, I don't want to hear more of your crying and malarkey! You can't gaslight Mama Biden's boy. I grew up using actual incandescent gas lighting!

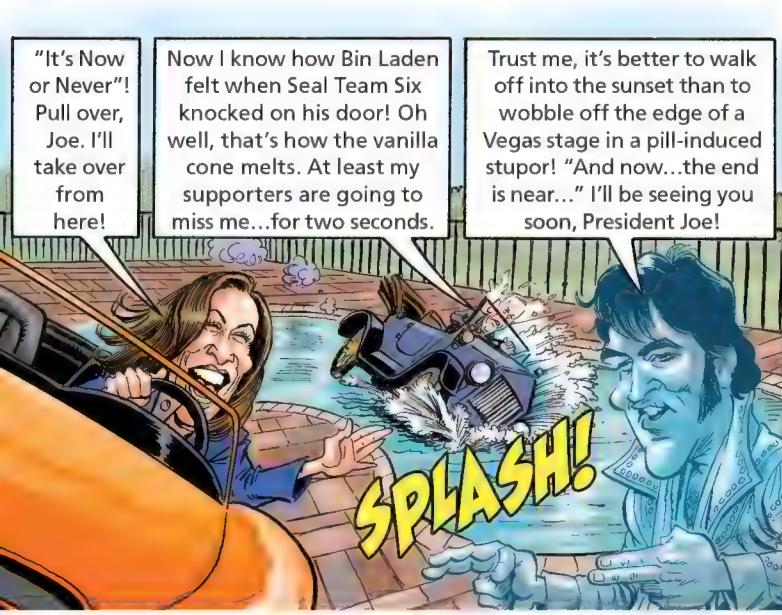
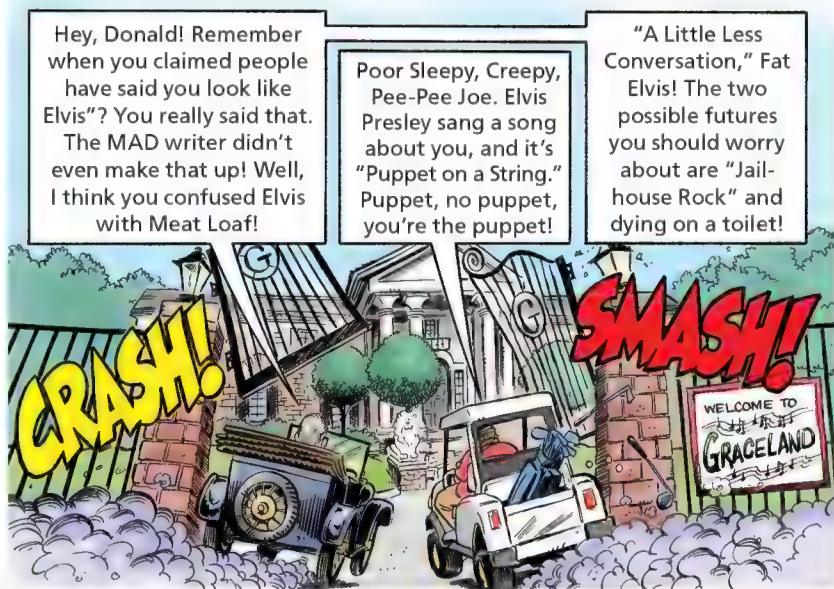
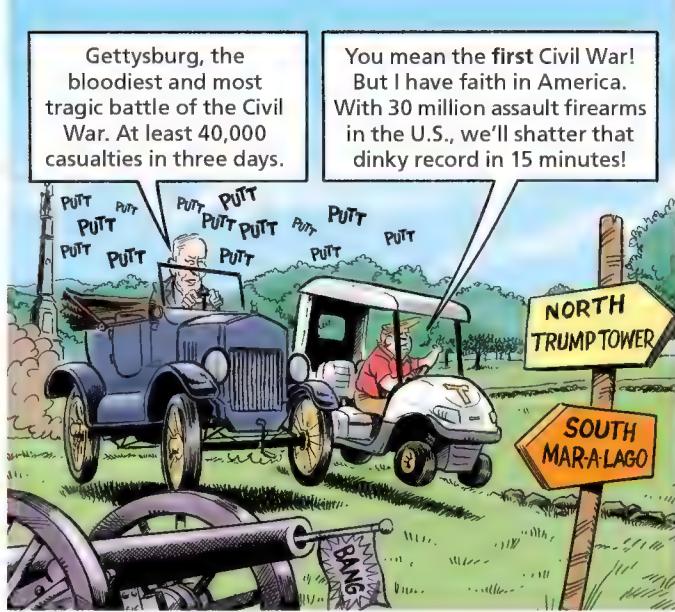
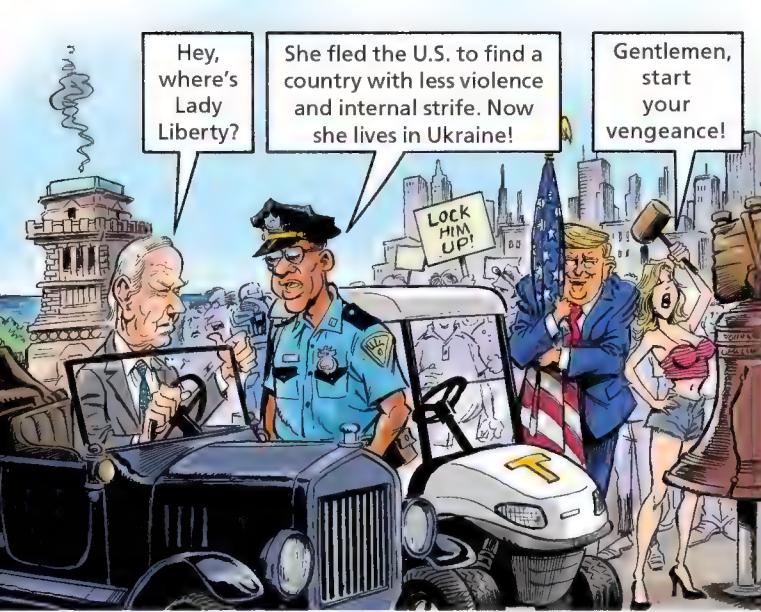
Everybody knows the 2020 election was stolen. And then stollen. Which is worse than stolen. And in 2024, it'll be stollllen! So many L's, the likes of which we've never seen before. They sneak across our border, those L's.

C'mon, man. You're the only traitor who's tried to end democracy. I'm focused on my duties as president...if only I could remember what they are! Look, you don't trust me, and I don't trust you. So now what?

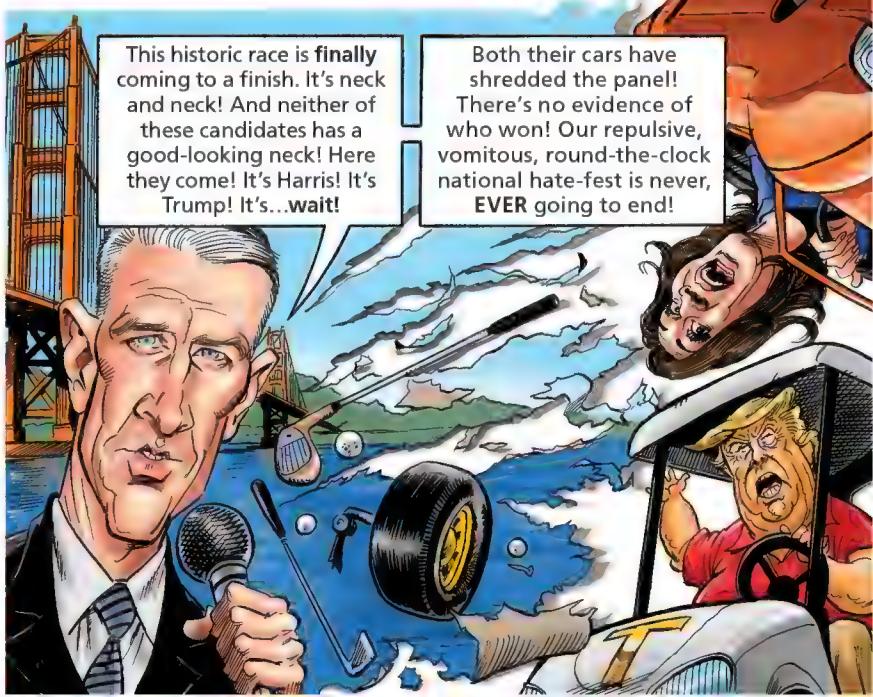
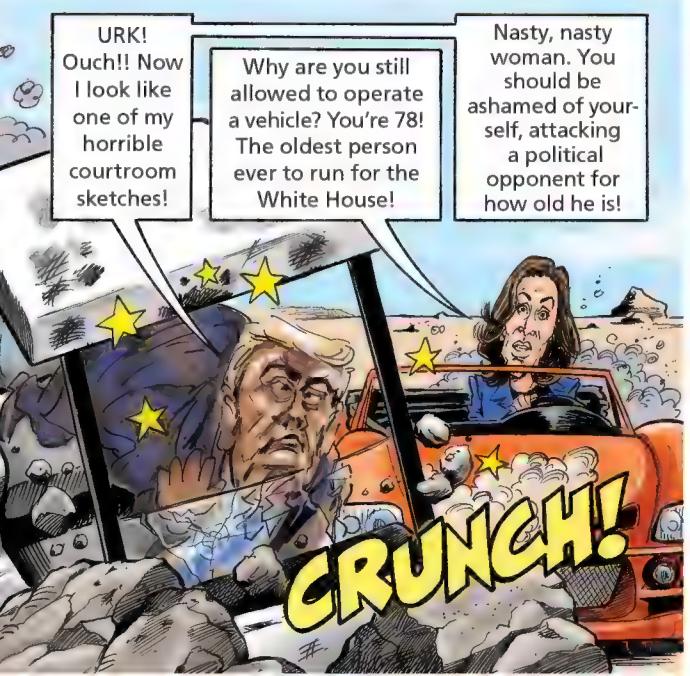
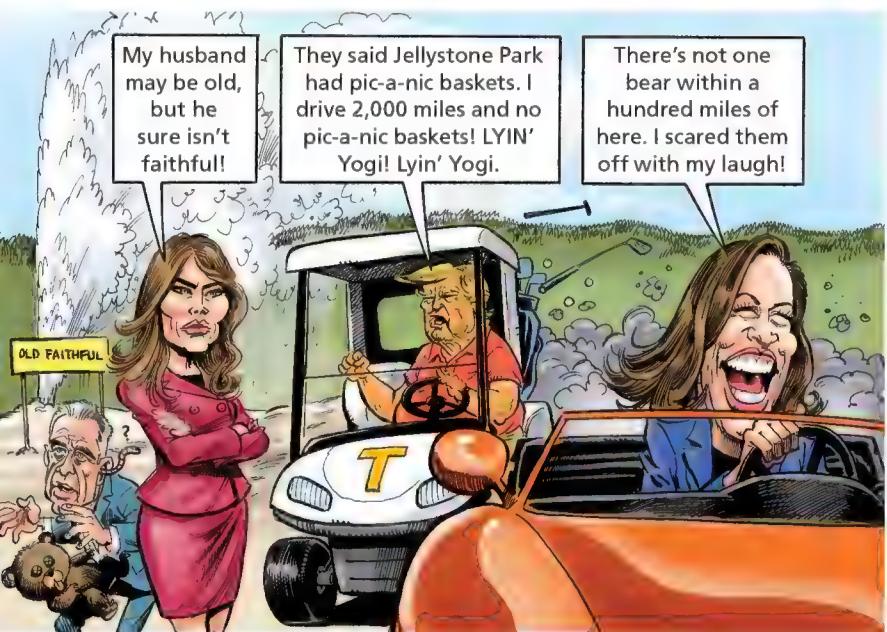
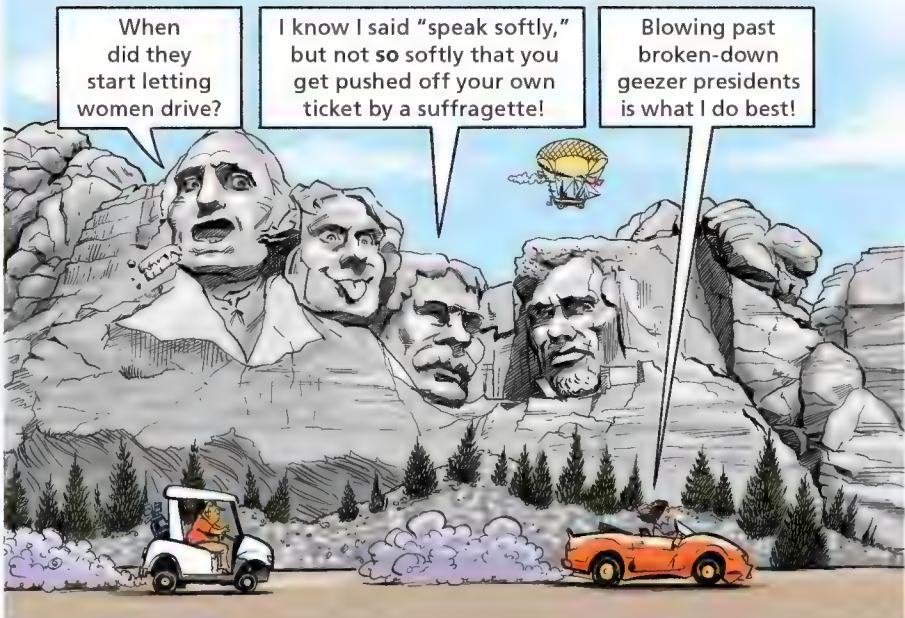
This campaign has been furious, but not fast enough! There's gotta be a better way to settle this...







You used to be an Indian all the way. And not the kind John Wayne used to shoot. The spicy-food kind. Now suddenly you're a Black person. FAKE HUES! No one should lie to America by pretending their skin is another color!



THE GREAT TRUMP BESTIARY

WRITER DAVID SEIDMAN ARTIST LEONARDO RODRIGUEZ

THE TRUMP

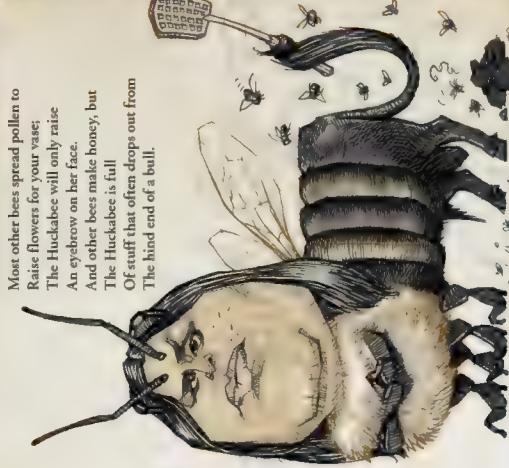
The Trump says he's a mighty bear
Who frightens all he meets.
He'll try to awoy with his roars,
And yet they only tweets.
He may not be a bear at all,
He's not that strong and potent.
Is he a scary predator
Or just a bloated rodent?



In Washington, the fat cats act
Like greedy pigs and hogs.
They gobble up your taxes while
The world goes to the dogs.
But now some new beasts have arrived
And they're a lot more scary.
To show them to you, MAD presents...

THE HUCKABEE

Most other bees spread pollen to
Raise flowers for your vase;
The Huckabee will only raise
An eyeball on her face.
And other bees make honey, but
The Huckabee is full
Of stuff that often drops out from
The hind end of a ball.



THE DONALD JR.

The Donald junior thinks he's smart,
But time and time again,
His private, secret meetings get
Exposed on CNN.
"Don't call me dumb," he says.
"It's slander; it's barbaric."
But who could be more dumb than you?
"Come meet my brother, Eric."



THE IVANKA

The beautiful Ivanka flies
Above the world with grace,
And when the world looks up to her,
She poops right in its face.
And yet the Trump won't scold the girl
Or look at her askance.
He'll never risk his hope and dream:
To get inside her pants.

THE PENCE

The pious Pence says, "God demands
That women's rights be few.
But God's no sexist; he believes
Gay men should suffer, too."
The Pence means everything he says,
But some have asked, "Does he
Spell God's name J-E-S-U-S
Or T-R-U-M-P?"



THE STAMPEDE

The Trump has lost a herd of beasts
That he once called his own.
Like Christie, Comey, Haley, Flynn,
Hope Hicks and Gary Cohn.
Their critics say, "Ya shoulda known
The Trump was gonna con ya."
Who's going next? Though no one's sure,
Our money's on Melania.



THE KUSHNER

"I love this beast," the Trump declares.
"I'll give him lots to do.
I'll give him half the world and then
Toss in my daughter, too.
He's just a dumb, entitled brat,
Inept as he can be.
So why do I adore him so?
Because he's just like me!"

APPAREL INSPECTIONS

Modest clothing is a must for a society that upholds traditional family values.

Yes, you were obeying the speed limit. But do you realize how exposed your shoulders are!?



MENSTRUATION MANAGEMENT

Another safeguard for the sanctity of procreation: a Feminine Hygiene Registry for reproductive-age women.

Hmm... Miss, um, Kolpasky, it looks like you ran out of Fresh Nite Max Absorbency Pads several months ago. We'll be notifying the proper authorities.



MORE REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT CAN TRACK WOMEN'S LIVES!

WRITER & ARTIST: TERESA BURNS PARKHURST

ROUTINE NIGHTSTAND SEARCHES

Nothing messes with the delicate female psyche quite like thought-provoking literature. So a team of Certified Appropriate Reading Specialists are necessary to keep the girls godly.

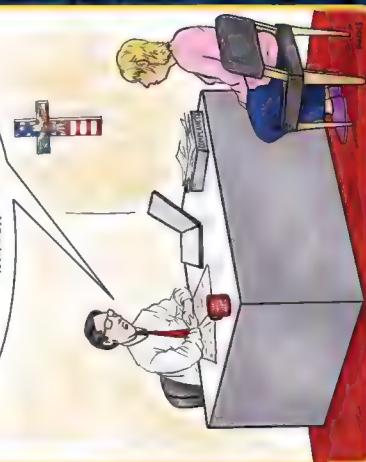
RANDOM WEIGH STATIONS

Maintaining a healthy weight is crucial to childbearing, raising children, and most importantly, pleasing one's husband. So it's pop-up scale time for the gals.

HOUSEKEEPING CHECKS

We all know what cleanliness is next to—and we know whose job it is to keep it that way.

We brought you in because our surveillance shows areas of crud on your bathroom faucet.



INSUBORDINATION TIP LINE

This service provides a safe way for citizens to report any wifely violations.

So you witnessed your neighbor, Mrs. Cavanaugh, speaking in an unpleasant tone to Mr. Cavanaugh? And she once suggested her family dine on cereal? She'll be fined accordingly—thank you for your patriotism.



Well, we don't need you becoming like Michelle Obama, so this one goes in the bonfire. And you shouldn't be filling your head with this rambling gibberish.

That's Emily Dickinson.

Watch your mouth, honey!



Yes, Ma'am, I can get that for you just as soon as I record your weight in the database.

That's Emily Dickinson.

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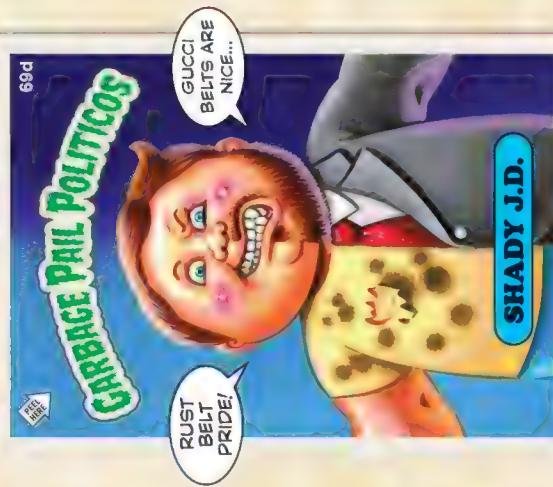


Swap this dominant Den with friends—just like she swapped out their candidate!



This GOP rep is quite the rare find... yet somehow isn't valuable!

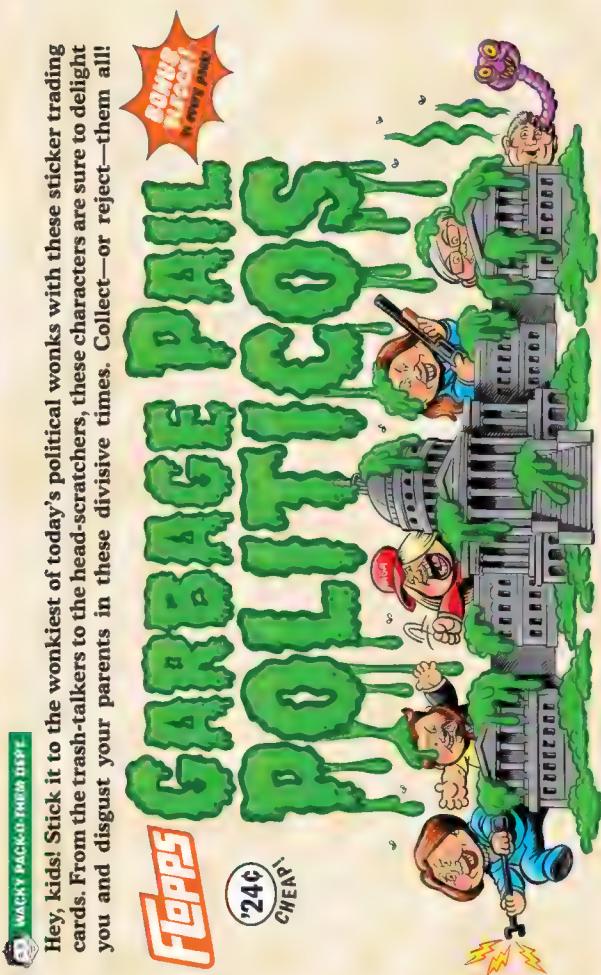
This corrupt senator's card is worth its weight in gold!



Scoring this two-faced "shillbilly" turned VP wannabe is like getting two cards in one!



You'll trade this gun-happy governor faster than she puts down pups!



Adding this parasitic independent to your collection is a no-brainer!

ADVENT-AGEOUS GIFTS FROM PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS

In 2020 the Democratic party gave us an absurd number of presidential hopefuls (27!). While some dropped faster than Trump's approval rating, other candidates continue to battle it out. But in the spirit of the holiday season, these competitors are banding together to offer up the gifts they feel America needs most. Count down to being closer to 2020 (and the primary) with this special...

Democratic MADvent Calendar

ASPIRE TO EXCELLENCE

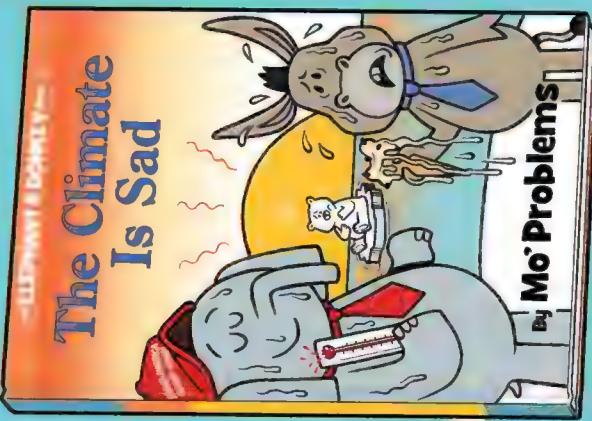
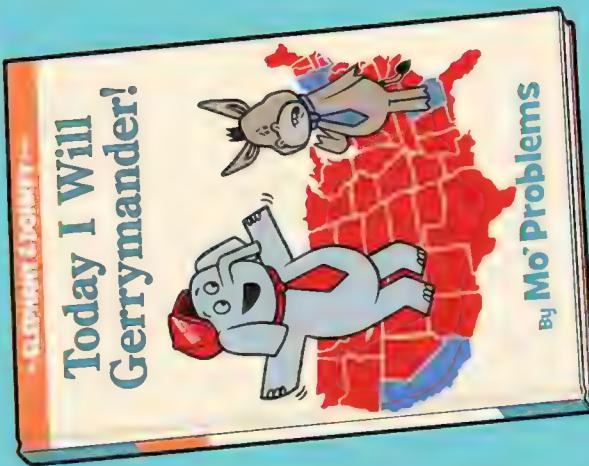
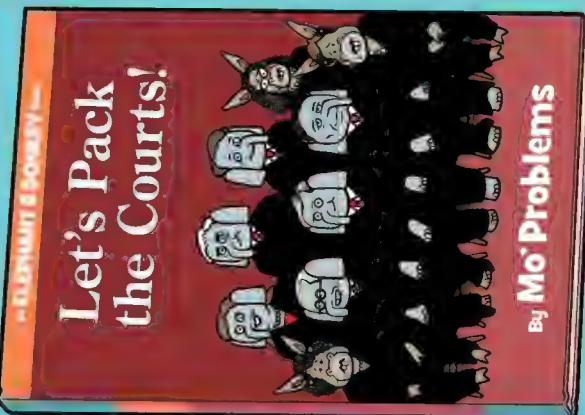
ARTIST TOOLS TUTORIALS



The political divide in the U.S. has grown wider than ever. In contentious times like these, we look to our nation's children and ask...why aren't they as pissed off as the rest of us?? Well, now we can drag our kids into the discourse with the help of America's most partisan pair.

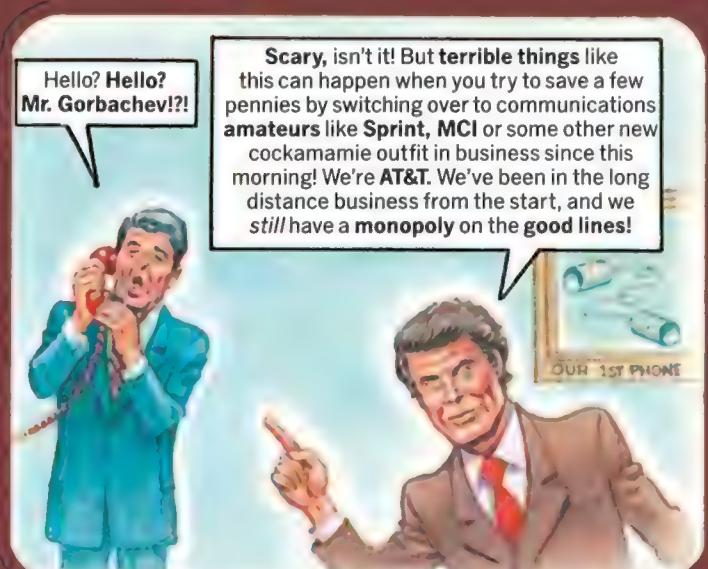
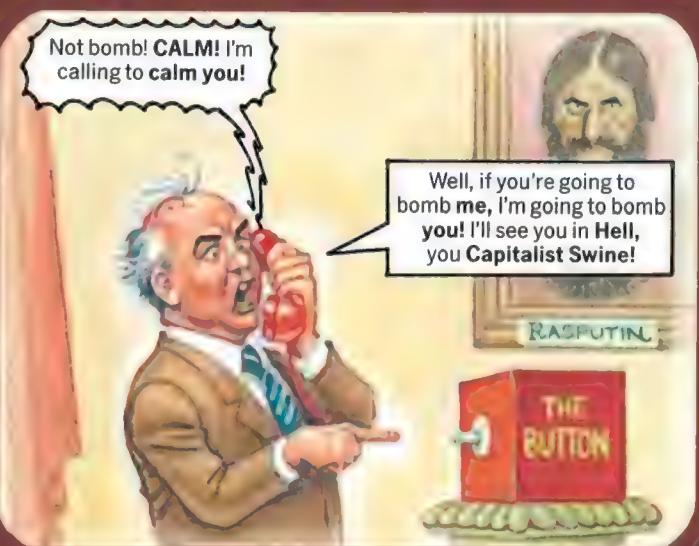
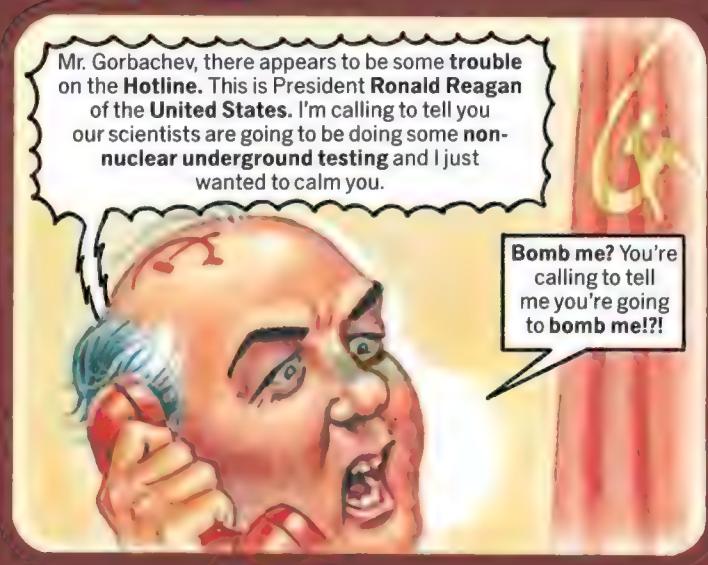
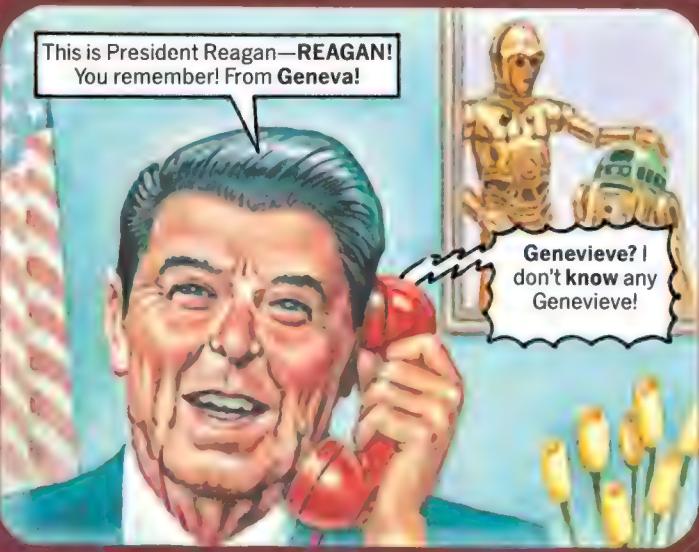
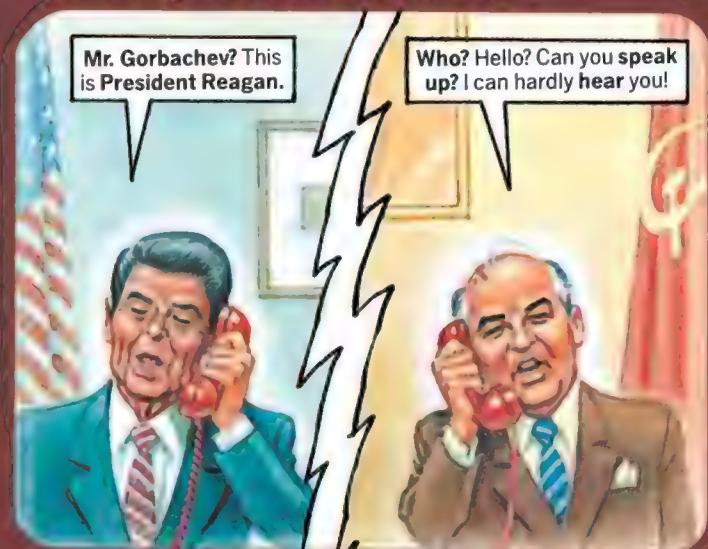
ELEPHANT & DONKEY

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Ross Perot's popularity in the 1992 Presidential election proved that the two-party system in American politics is in, as George Bush used to say, "deep doo-doo." Clearly, the main reason for this is the fact that the core constituents of both the Republicans and the Democrats are all boneheads — political zealots who are so blinded by their agendas and bias that they fail to see the absurdities of the positions they espouse. But fear not, positions they breath! MAD is here, term-limits they dispense Comedic Prozac to the deluded masses! Here's...

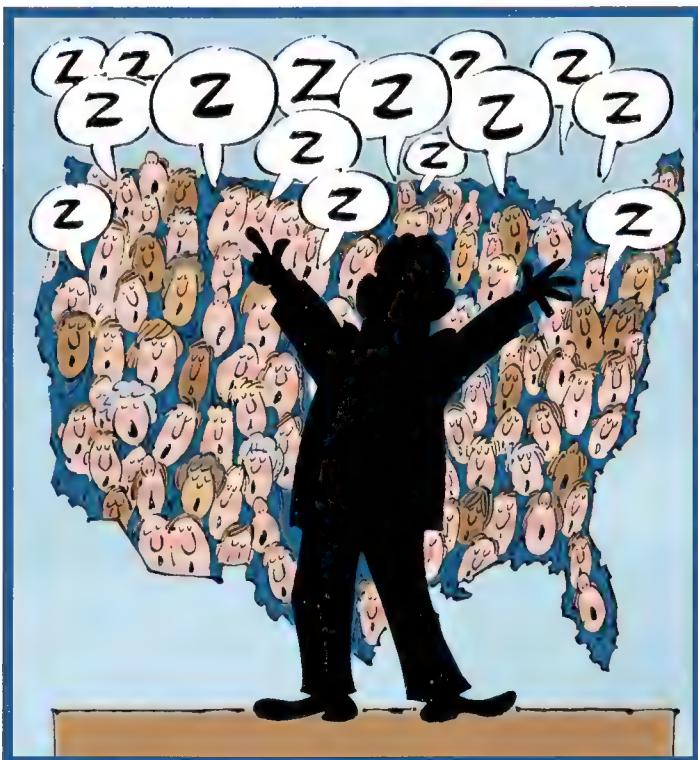


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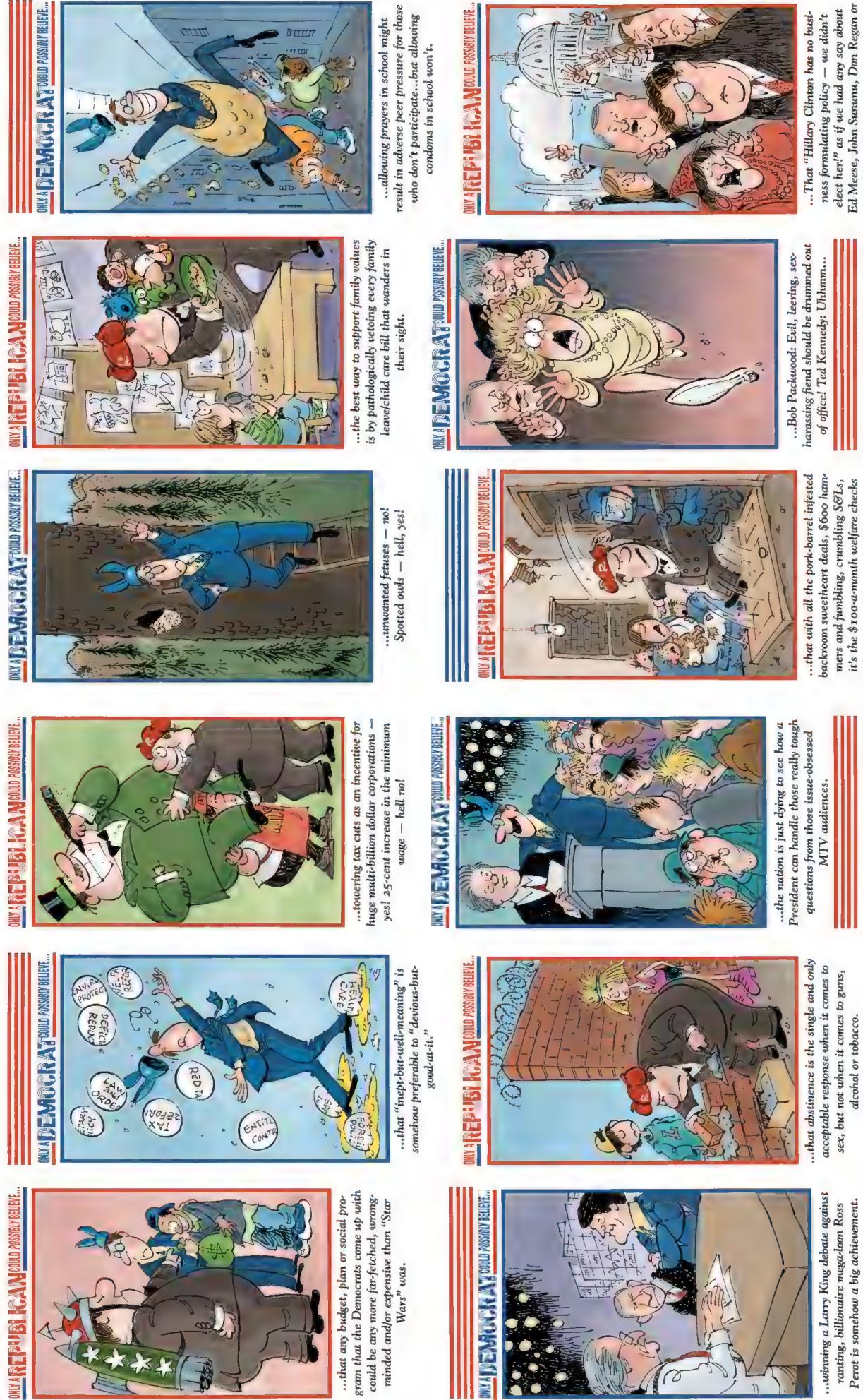


...that our country's inspirational needs would be best served by the mesmerizing oratorial wizardry of Michael Dukakis, Walter Mondale or Paul Tsongas.

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...gays in the military are more morally unacceptable than Tailhooking, sexually-harassing, misogynistic, give-'em-a promotion-instead-of-the-dishonorable-discharge-they-so-obviously-deserve heterosexuals in the military. 3



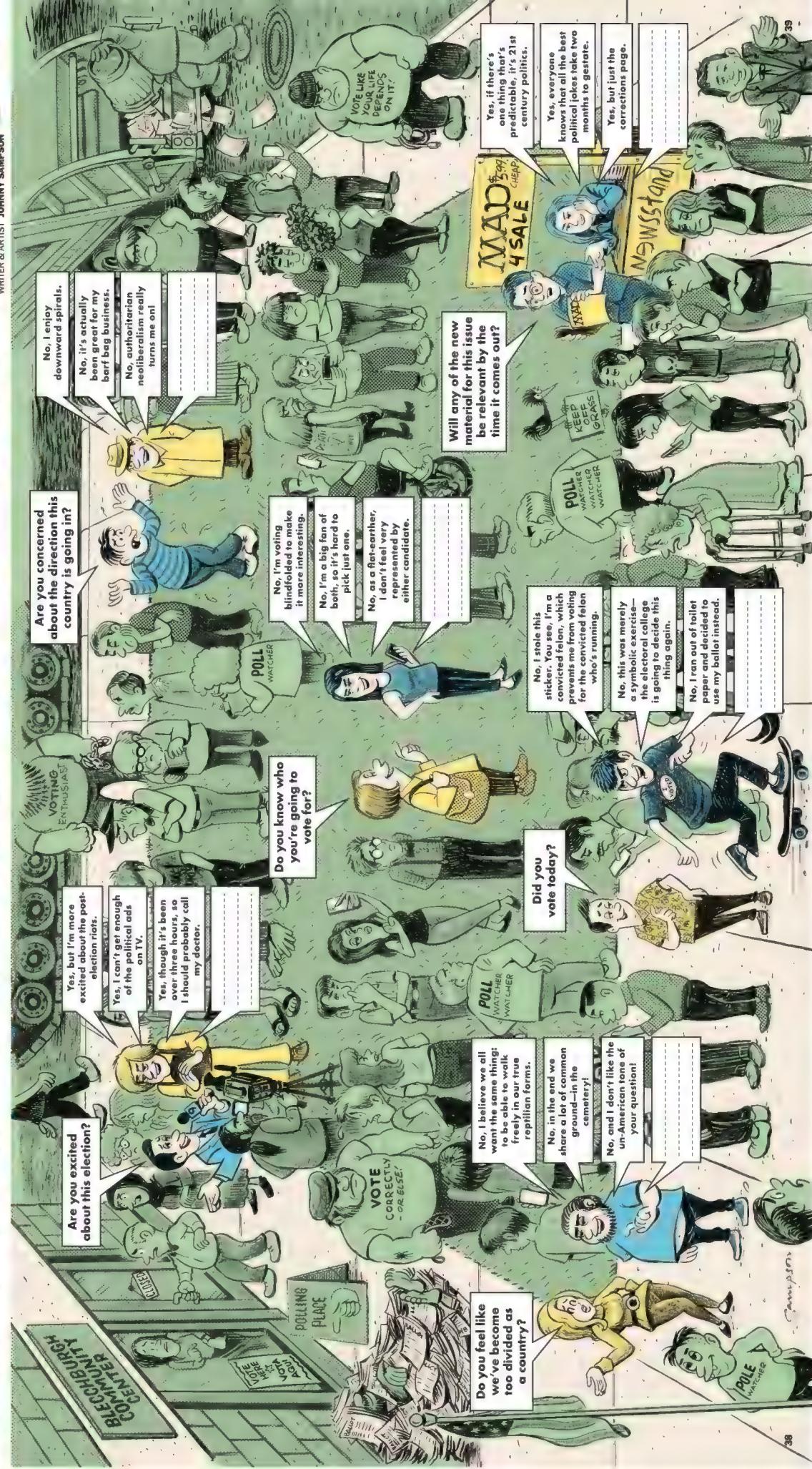
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As if being inundated by news articles, TV ads, and your own anxiety-fueled nightmares about the election weren't enough, you find yourself having to engage in intense chitchat about it when you leave the house. Well, don't worry, we've got you covered with...

MAD'S SNAPPY ANSWERS TO STUPID QUESTIONS

WRITER & ARTIST JOHNNY SAMPSON

ELECTION EDITION





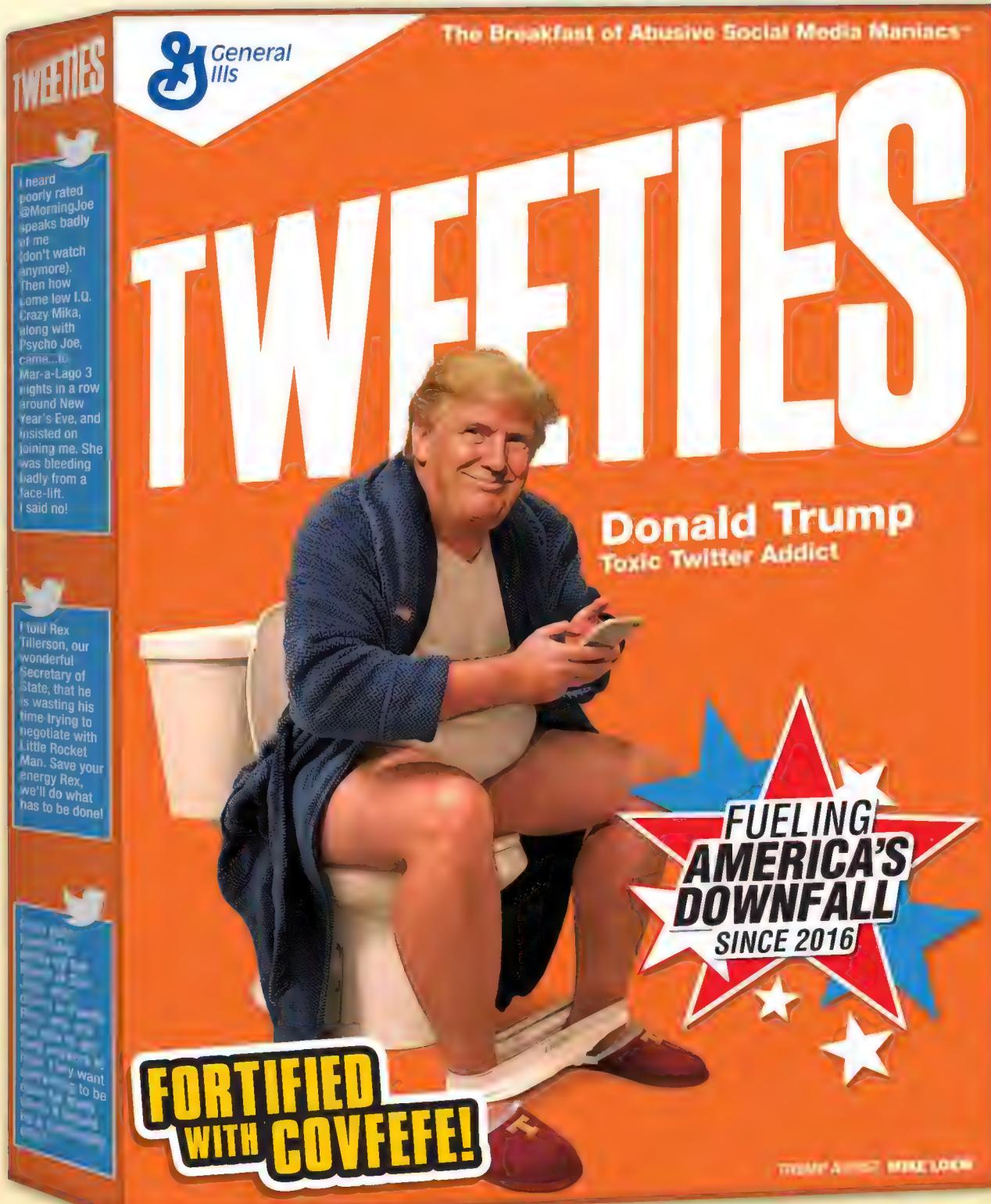
ANTISOCIAL MEDIA DEPT.

TRUMP ON TWITTER

When Twitter started in 2006, its creators admitted that they weren't exactly sure how it would be used. Sadly, now we know. It turns out that Twitter is the perfect weapon of mass distraction for President Trump to spill his misinformed, inflammatory, misguided, false and flat-out dangerous rantings. Apparently, Trump's favorite time to tweet is during one of his Presidential dumps. Ahh—take a deep breath: you can almost smell the stench as you read each 140-character expulsion of verbal diarrhea. How does our Tweeter-in-Chief do it day after day? Perhaps the answer can be found in his choice of breakfast food.



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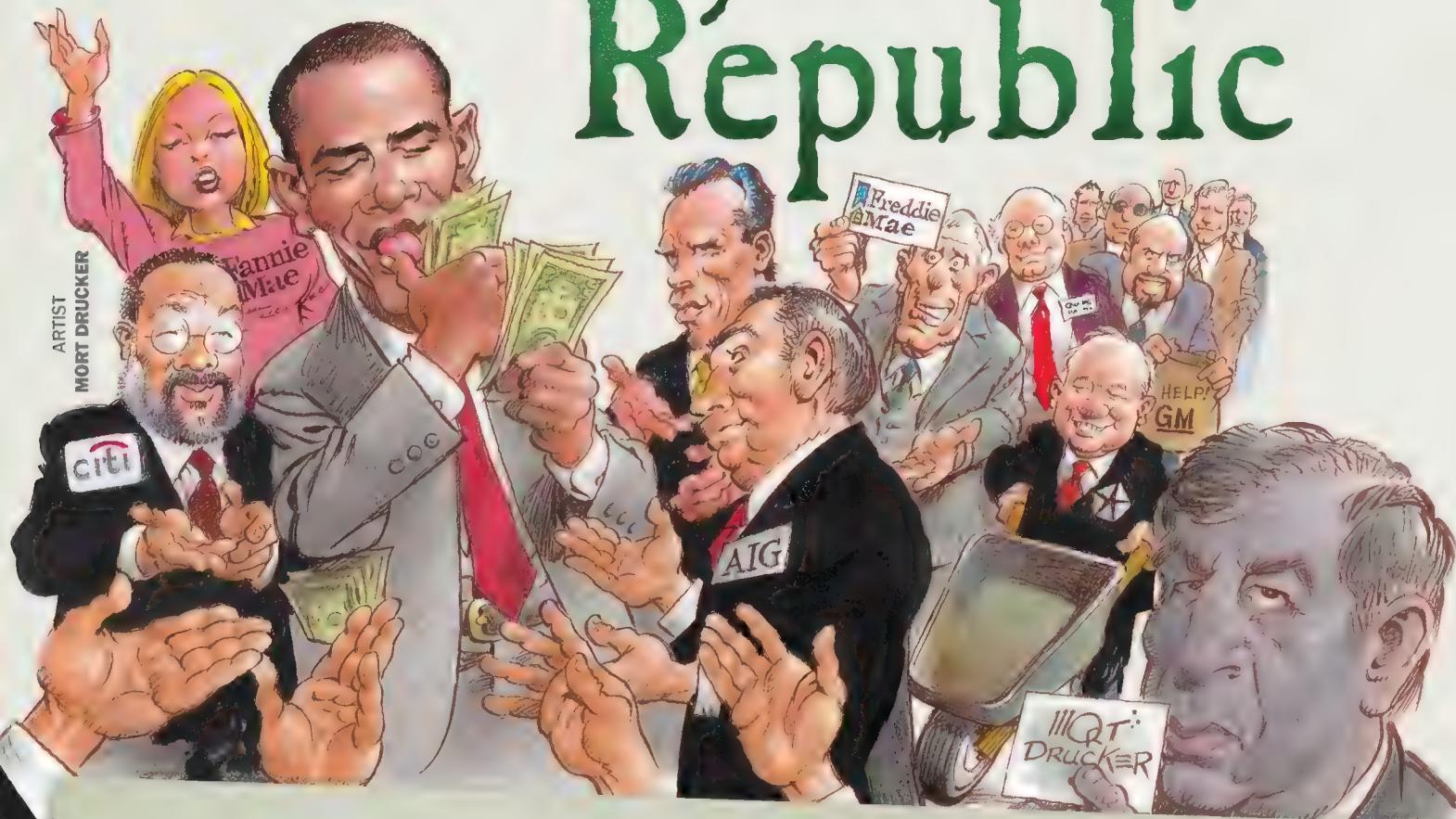


FRANK ON A ROLL DEPT.

There's been a lot in the news lately about the U.S. government bailout of the nation's financial system. At least that's what we hear...the economy's so bad we had to sell our TV. And these days, who can afford to buy a newspaper? If you're in the same sinking boat as we are, now's your chance to catch up on the story with...

The Bailout Hymn of the Republic

ARTIST
MORT DRUCKER



Our eyes have seen the sorrow
of a nation going bust,
Filled with bankers and politicos
that none of us can trust,
Not to mention Wall Street profiteers
who fill us with disgust —
Our hopes and dreams are gone!

*Lordy, lordy, how they blunder!
Major banks now going under!
Years of savings torn asunder—
Our hopes and dreams are gone!*

ARTIST JAMES WARHOLA

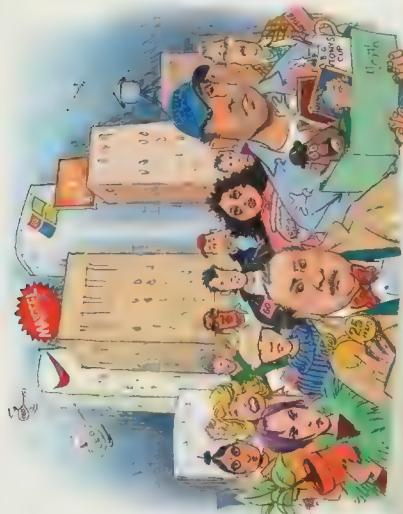


WRITER FRANK JACOBS



We've beheld the massive layoffs
at Alcoa and Mattel,
At Home Depot, Nike, Target, (gulp!)
at Microsoft as well;
Will your ass soon join the masses
of discarded personnel?
The glory years are gone!

State by state, our woes are spreadin' —
Day by day we're surely headin'
Down the road to Armageddon —
The glory years are gone!



ARTIST HARRY ESQUIRE, ESD

We're now burdened with a stimulus
that doesn't stimulate,
Full of all the pork and earmarks
that Pelosi could create;
If that's "change we can believe in,"
then it's time to emigrate —
Once more they've led us on!

Bailout billions they are spending!
Down and down we are descending!
Don't expect a happy ending —
Once more they've led us on!



ARTIST GERRY GERSTEN

See the Big Three automakers
begging Congress on their knees,
"All we need is 15 billion —
won't you help us, pretty please?"
They fly high in private jets
but can't outsell the Japanese —
Their screw-ups still go on!

Jesus Chrysler, though they're sweating,
Tens of billions they'll be netting!
They'll be back again, we're betting!
Their screw-ups still go on!



ARTIST TOM RICHMOND

Fanny Mac and Freddy Mac allowed
the sub-prime loans to tank,
Which brought on the home foreclosures
when the housing market sank;
If you want to play the blame game,
give a nod to Barney Frank —
The madness still goes on!

Daily, daily, repossession!
More like legalized oppression!
Surely heading for depression!
The madness still goes on!



ARTIST HERMANN MEIJIA

What, us worry? Yes, we do because
our future's far from clear;
Though we used to publish monthly,
now it's just four times a year;
Hey, Obama, use your clout and send
some bailout money here —
Somehow we'll stumble on!

Hurry, hurry, please don't blow it!
Send a billion and we'll owe it!
Sure, it's pork, but who's to know it?
Somehow we'll stumble on!



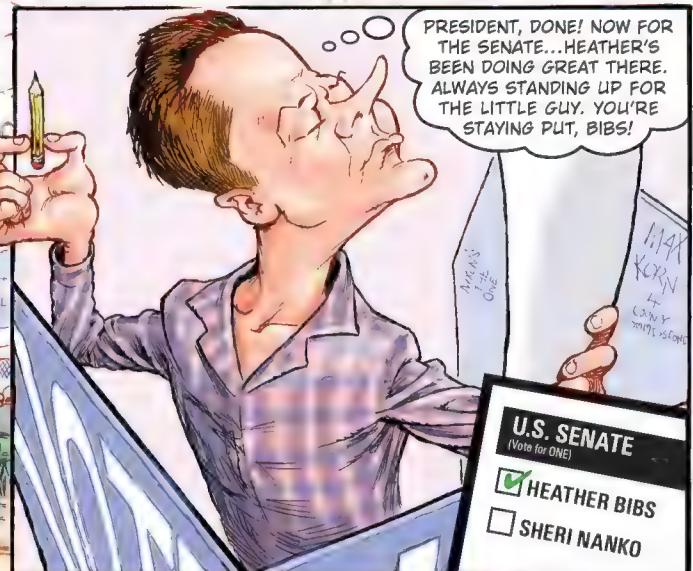
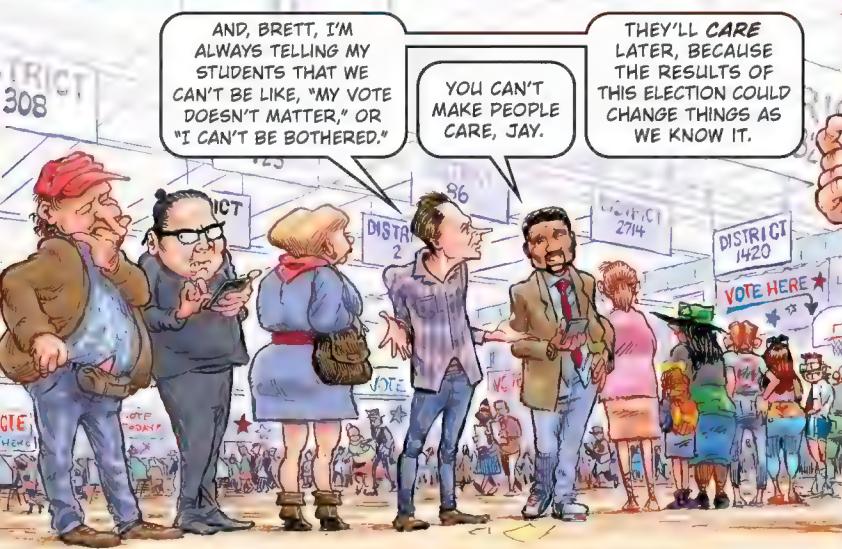
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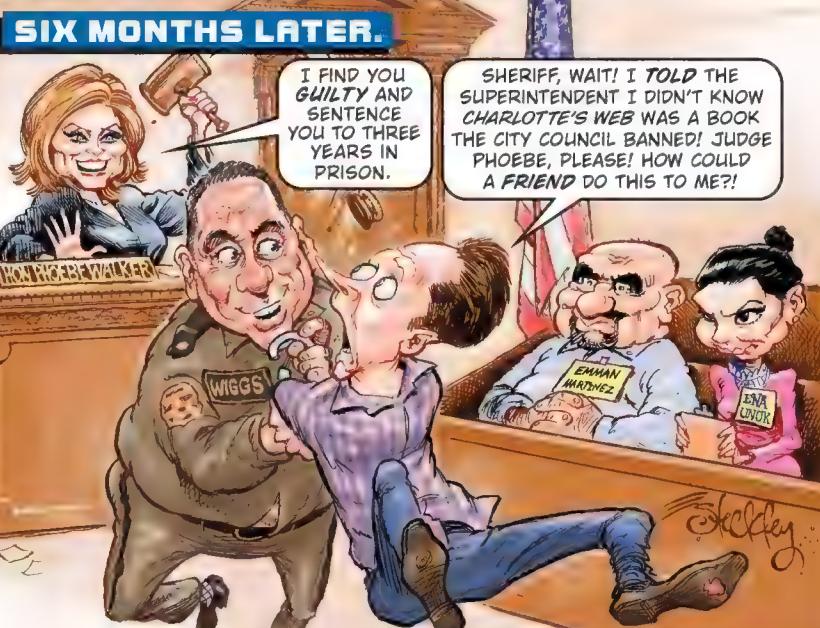
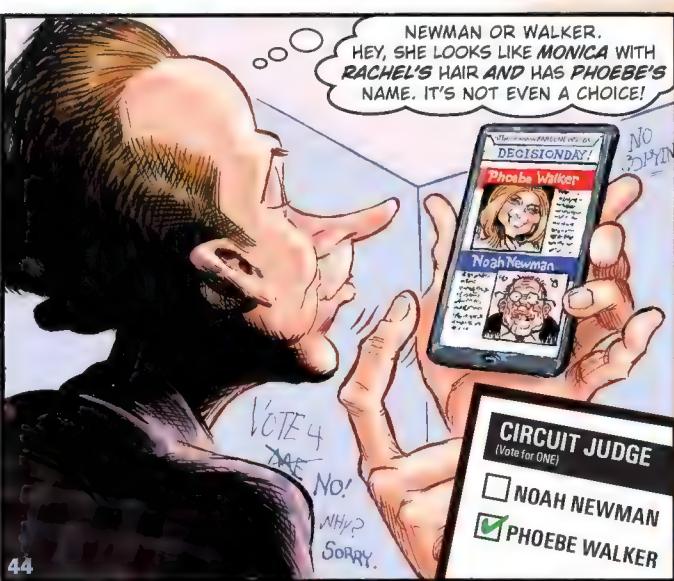
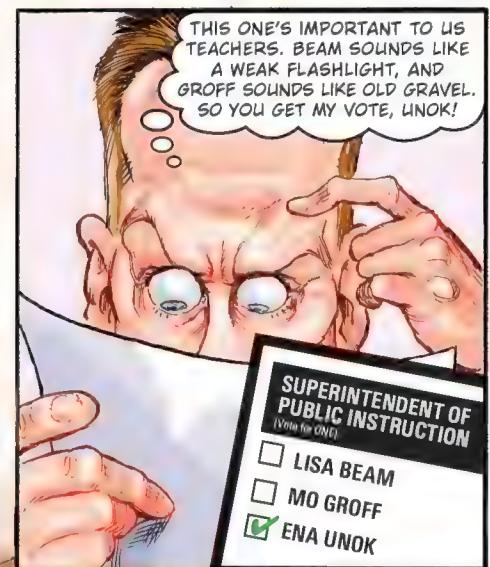
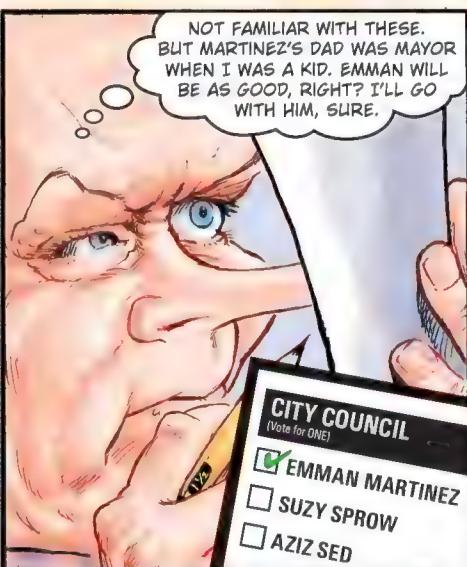
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ELECTION DAY.



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Exercising A VETO



Painting A VICTORY



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Launching A CAMPAIGN

HORRIFYING POLITICAL CLICHES

ELECTION FRIGHT RETURNS DEPT.

It's been countless years of tortured, sleepless nights since we last played our ghoulish game! You might remember how it's played: we take a

familiar phrase or expression, and interpret it our own, twisted way to create a fiendish monster! So, when better to play than election year? Here's



Hammering Out A COMPROMISE



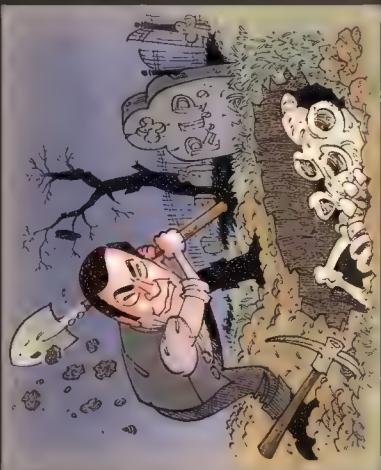
Breaking A PLEDGE



Ducking A QUESTION



Hanging On To A SLIM LEAD



Digging Up A SCANDAL



Twisting A FACT



Reviving An OLD ISSUE

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EXTREME MAKEOVER POLITICIAN EDITION

WRITER JEFF KRUSE ARTIST DREW FRIEDMAN

BEFORE

MIKE HUGHABEE

BEFORE

To think that we're going to go lock up 12 million people or even round them up and drive them to the border and let them go might make a great political speech but it's not going to happen.
Washington Post, May 2006

BEFORE

MITT ROMNEY

BEFORE

I believe that abortion should be safe and legal in the country.
1994 debate
2nd in sequence

AFTER

You know, I do support the Republican platform, and I support that being part of the Republican platform and I'm pro-life.
Good Morning America, 2007

AFTER

[I] propose to provide all illegal immigrants a 120-day window to register with the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services and leave the country.
From his "Secure America Plan" December 2007

RUDOLPH GIULIANI

AFTER

After evaluating the facts, the President came to a reasonable decision, and I believe the decision was correct.
on Scooter Libby, 2007

HILLARY CLINTON

BEFORE

I don't think it's in the best interests of our troops or our country (to withdraw troops from Iraq).
2003 Iraq War Strategic Conference

AFTER

I have been saying for some time that we need to bring our combat troops home from Iraq starting right now.
2007 Take Back America Conference

JOHN EDWARDS

AFTER

I call on all members of Congress — Republican, Democrat, and Independent — to speak with one voice, and say "no" to a draft.
August, 2007

BARACK OBAMA

BEFORE

If we have actionable intelligence about high-value terrorist targets and President Musharraf won't act, we will.
August 1, 2007

BEFORE

One of the things we ought to be thinking about is some level of mandatory service to our country, so that everybody in America — not just the poor kids who get sent to war — are serving this country.
May, 2007



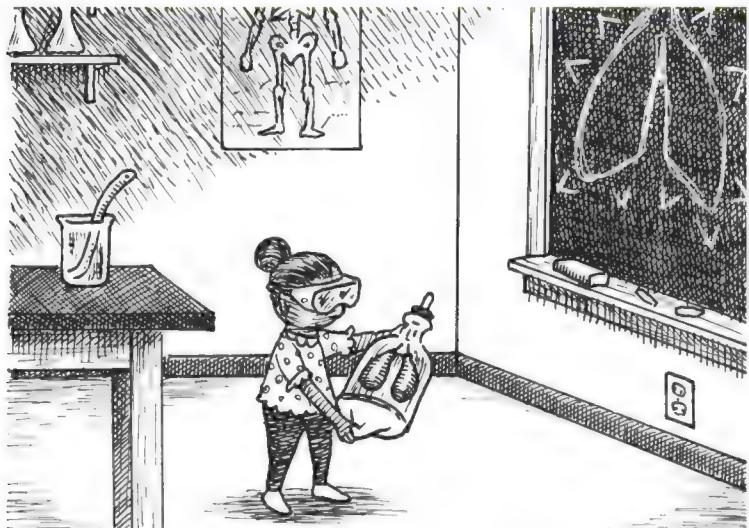
ALPHABET OF REGRET DEPT.

In the classic and twisted ABC book *The Gashlycrumb Tinies*, illustrator Edward Gorey famously killed off 26 children in alphabetical order—one death for each letter. Each unfortunate event was as different as it was gothic—the characters were dispatched by every method imaginable, including bears, trains, and falling statues.

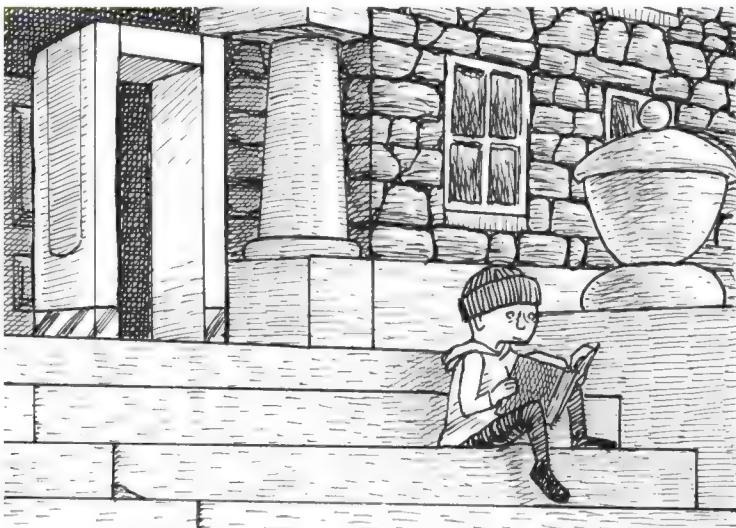
Sadly, times have changed and there's basically one way that most kids seem to die now. With that in mind, we solemnly present...

THE GHASTLYGUN TINIES

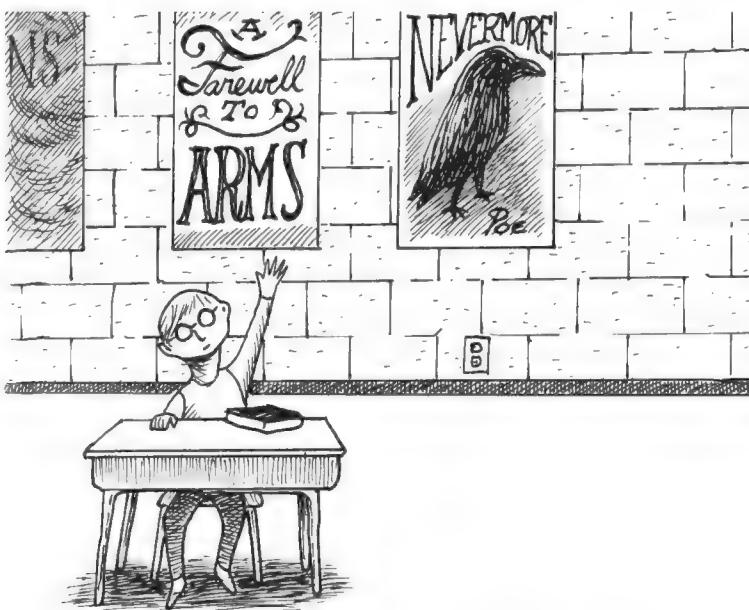
WRITER MATT COHEN ARTIST MARC PALM



A is for ALICE the young science wiz



B is for BRIAN cramming for a quiz



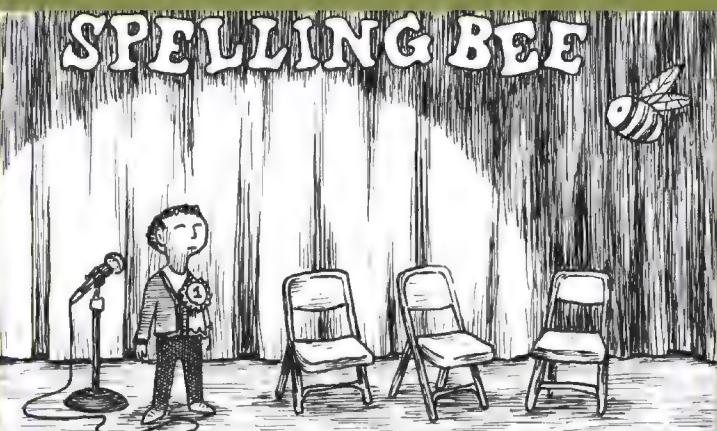
C is for CONNOR in his English class



D is for DANA who had a hall pass



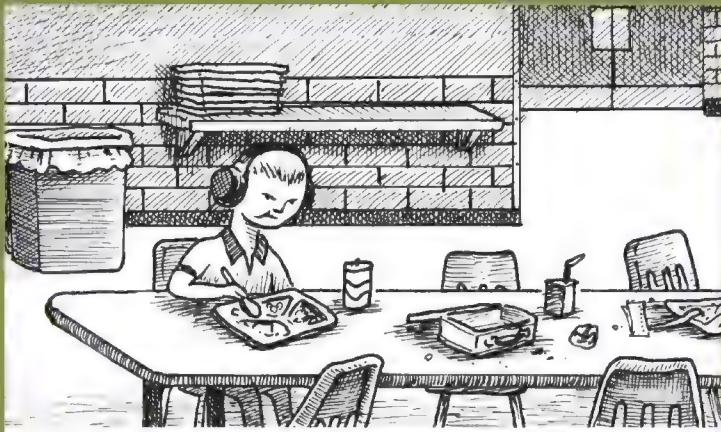
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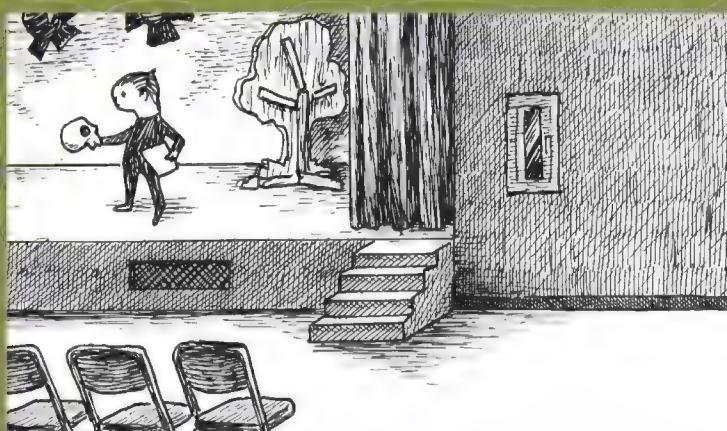
F is for FRANK, more than a statistic



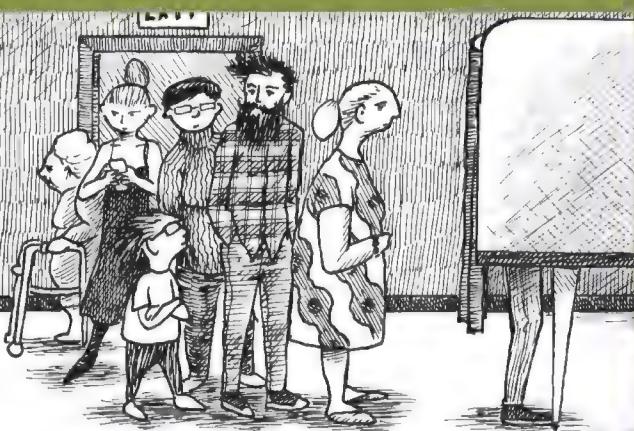
G is for GREG who was caught unawares



H is for HIRO who needs more than prayers



I is for IKE learning Shakespeare by rote



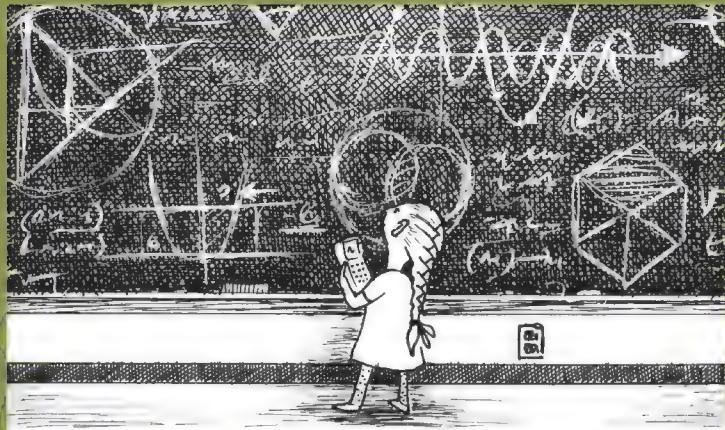
J is for JULIE who's too young to vote



K is for KARA who's weary today



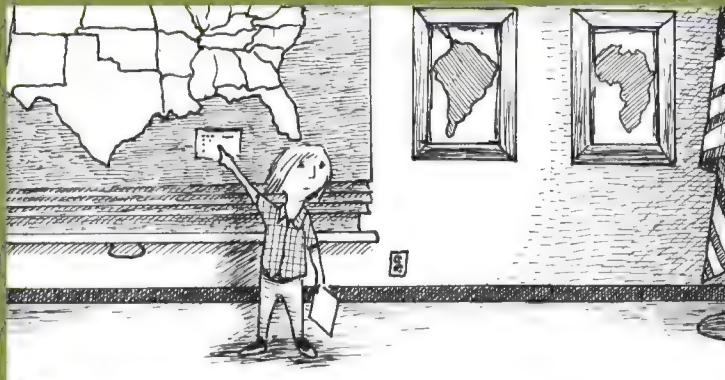
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M is for MEGAN who's studying math



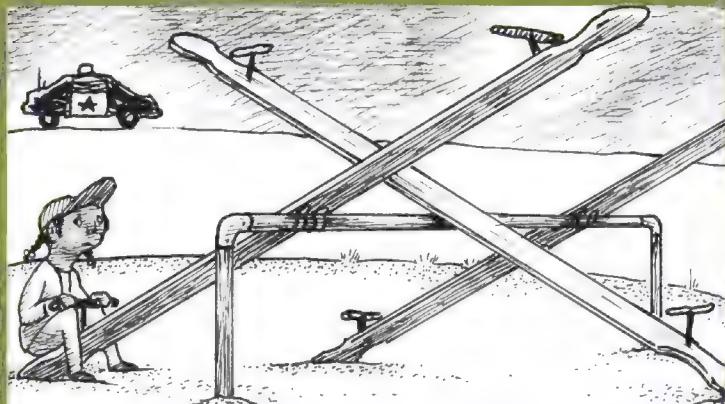
N is for NATHAN who's caught in the path



O is for OWEN learning about states



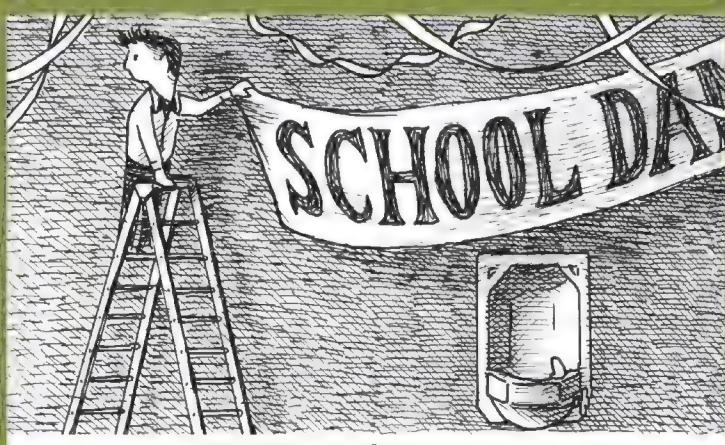
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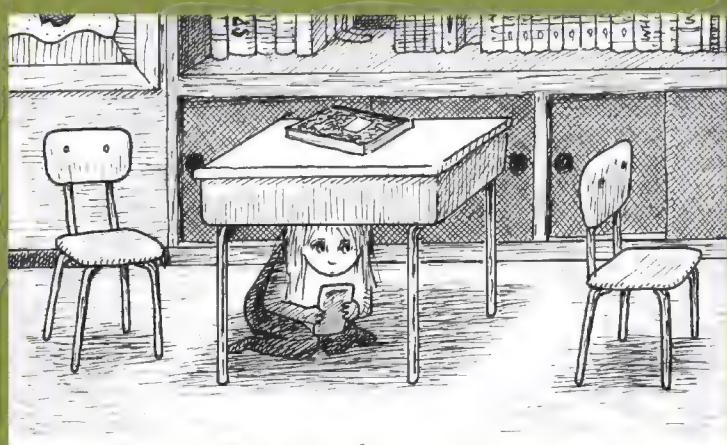
Q is for QUINN whose life had just begun



R is for REID, valued less than a gun



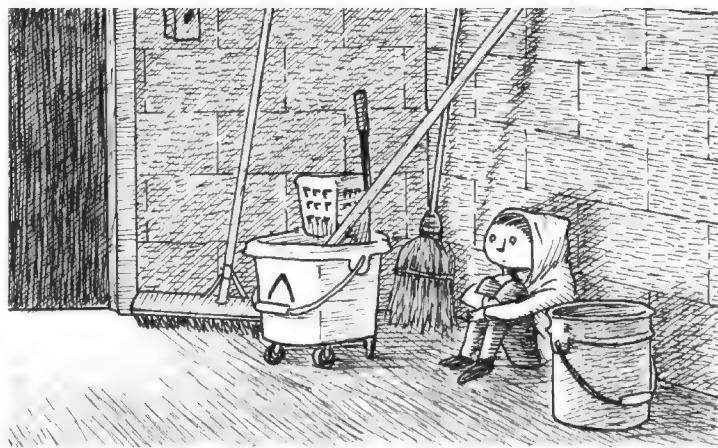
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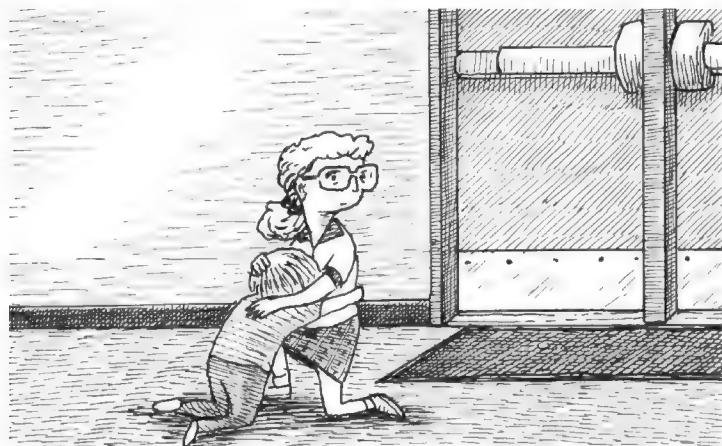
T is for TINA who's texting her mom



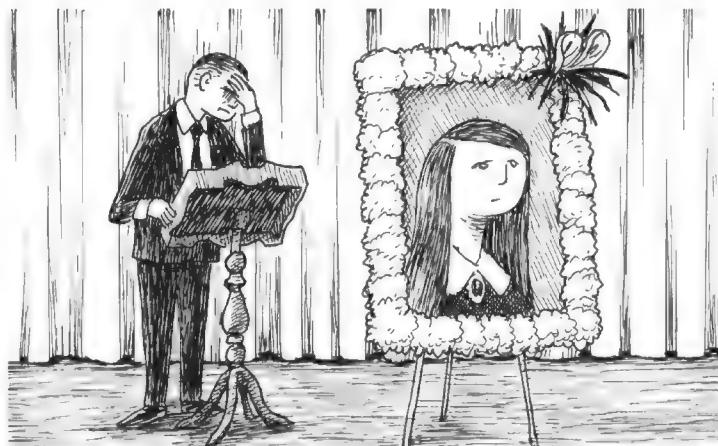
U is for UNA who ID'd his face



V is for VINCENT who's sheltered in place



W is for WENDY, kind beyond belief



X is for XENA whose dad's crushed by grief



Y is for YURI whose time has now passed



Z is for ZOE who won't be the last



ENUFF OF THIS STUFF DEPT.

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Daniel Johnson

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WRITER CHRISTIAN ALSIS
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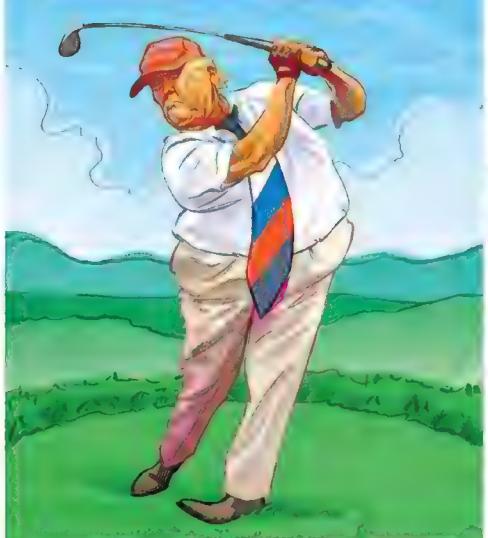


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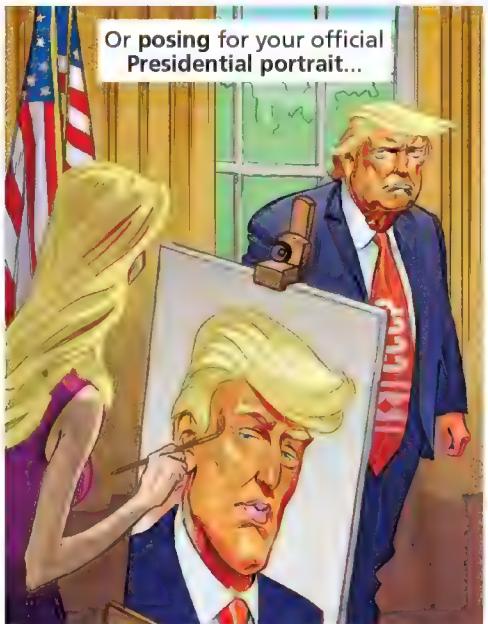
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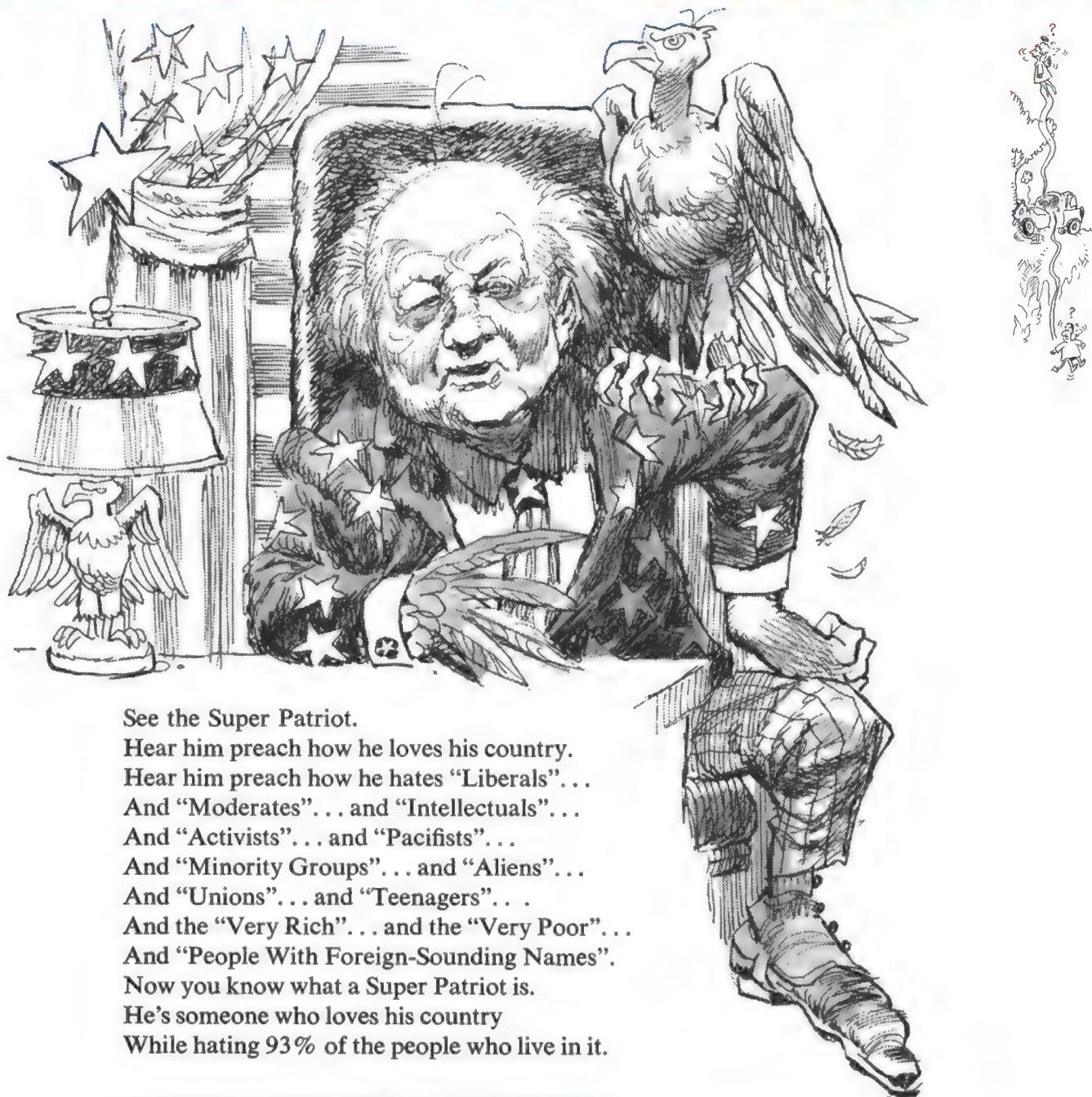


TRUMP'S RUSSIAN TIES

Interfering in your wardrobe this season. You'll find a bigly variety at your local Peter the Great-Priced Clothing Superstore today!



THE TIMES THEY AREN'T A CHANGIN' DEPT.



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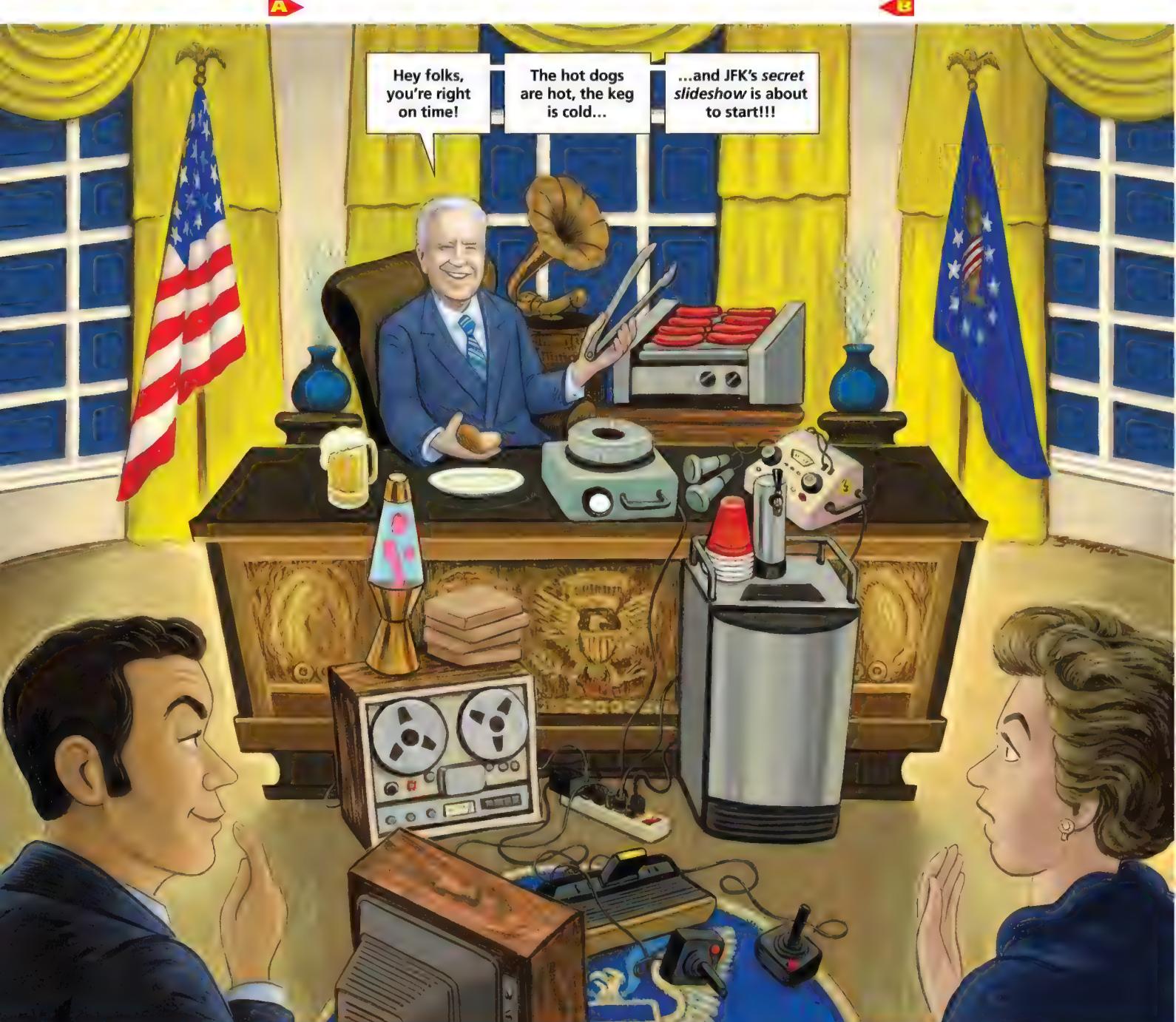
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A B



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A B



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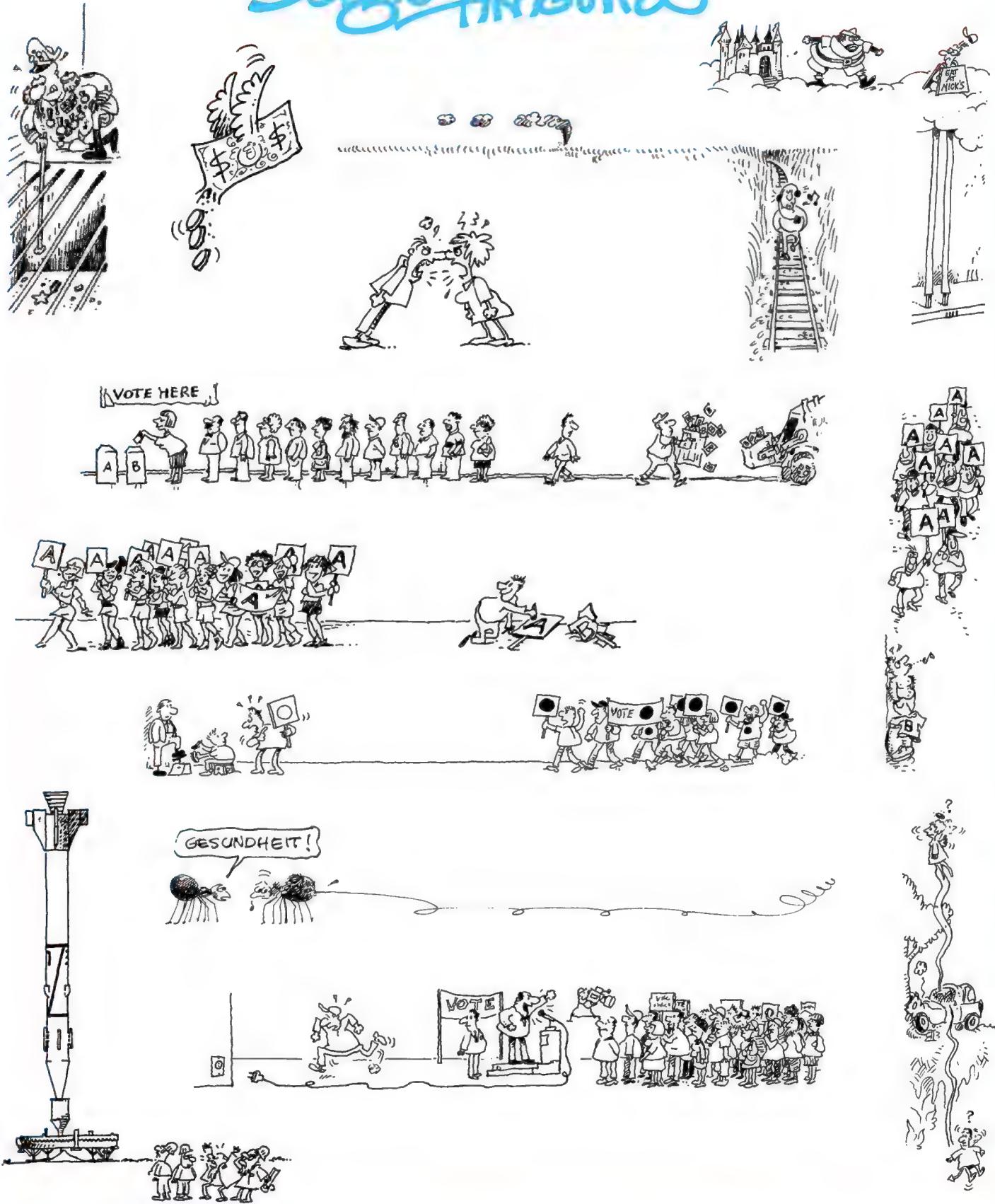


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So you really think that just because Ronald Reagan became President, he gave up acting? Well, shows how much you know! Because once an actor, always an actor! It's kinda like herpes! And now that he IS President, instead of waiting around for a great role like "Bonzo's Pal" to come along, Ronnie can play any role that he wants. In fact, we here at MAD have detected him playing many famous, sought after parts since he took office. Here are just few we've observed...with...

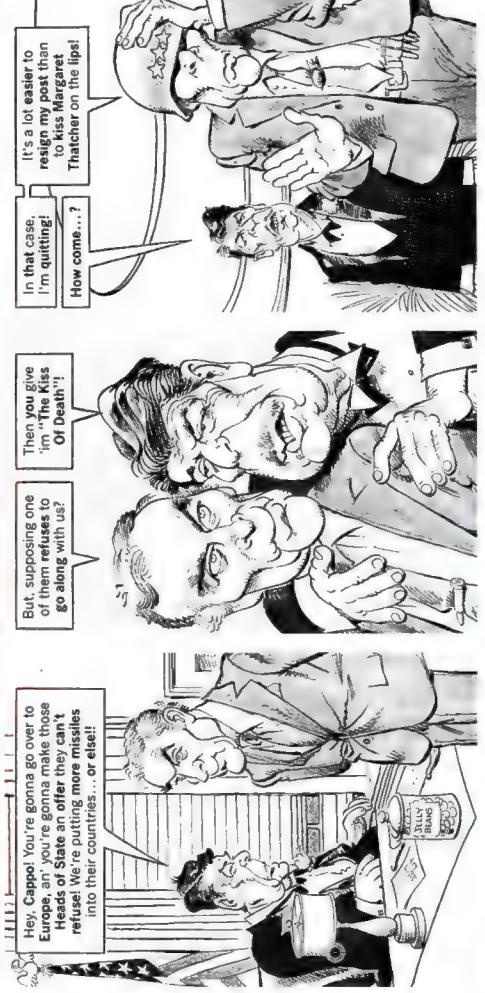
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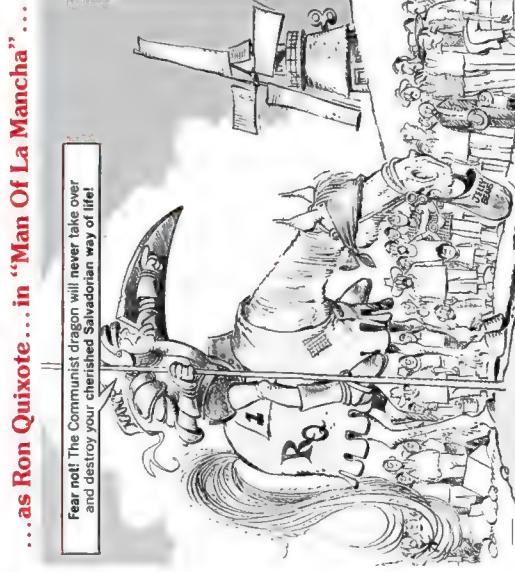


...as Ron Corlione... in "The Godfather"...



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...as Ron Quixote... in "Man Of La Mancha"...



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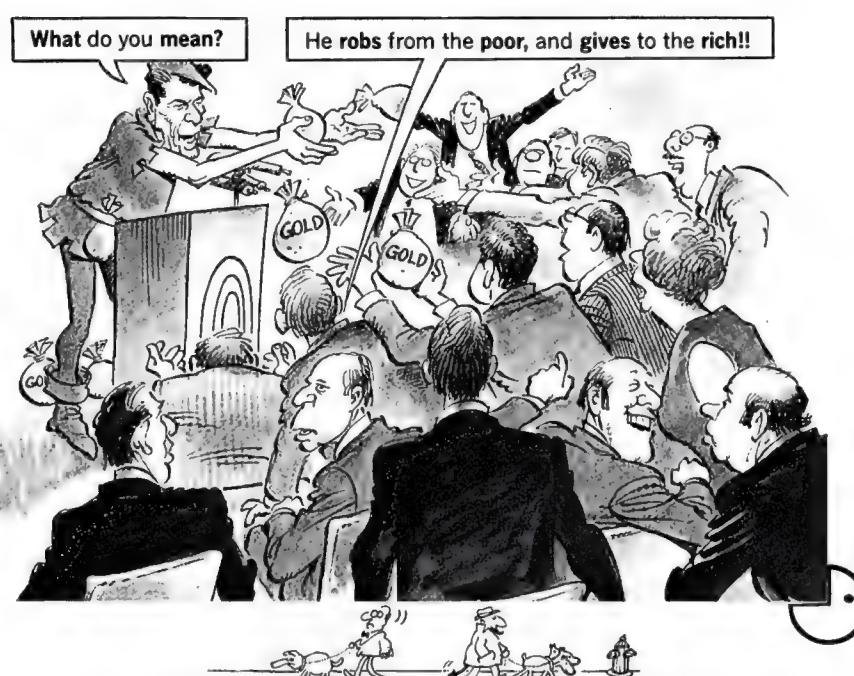
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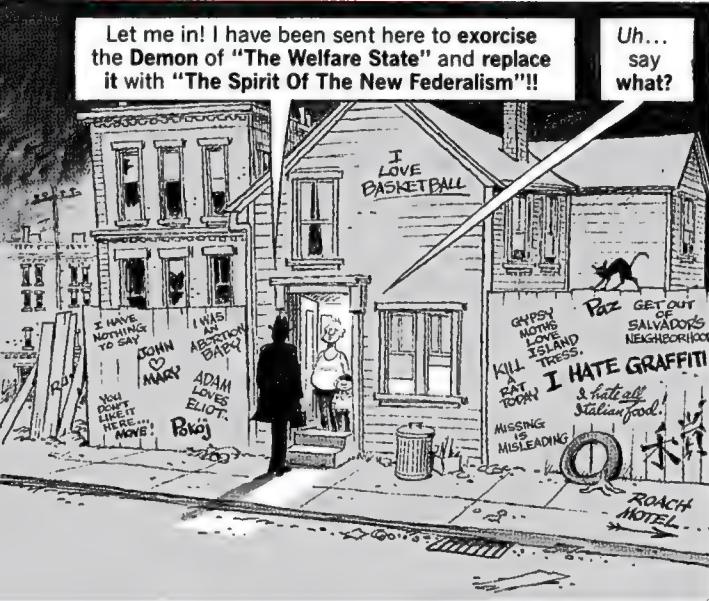
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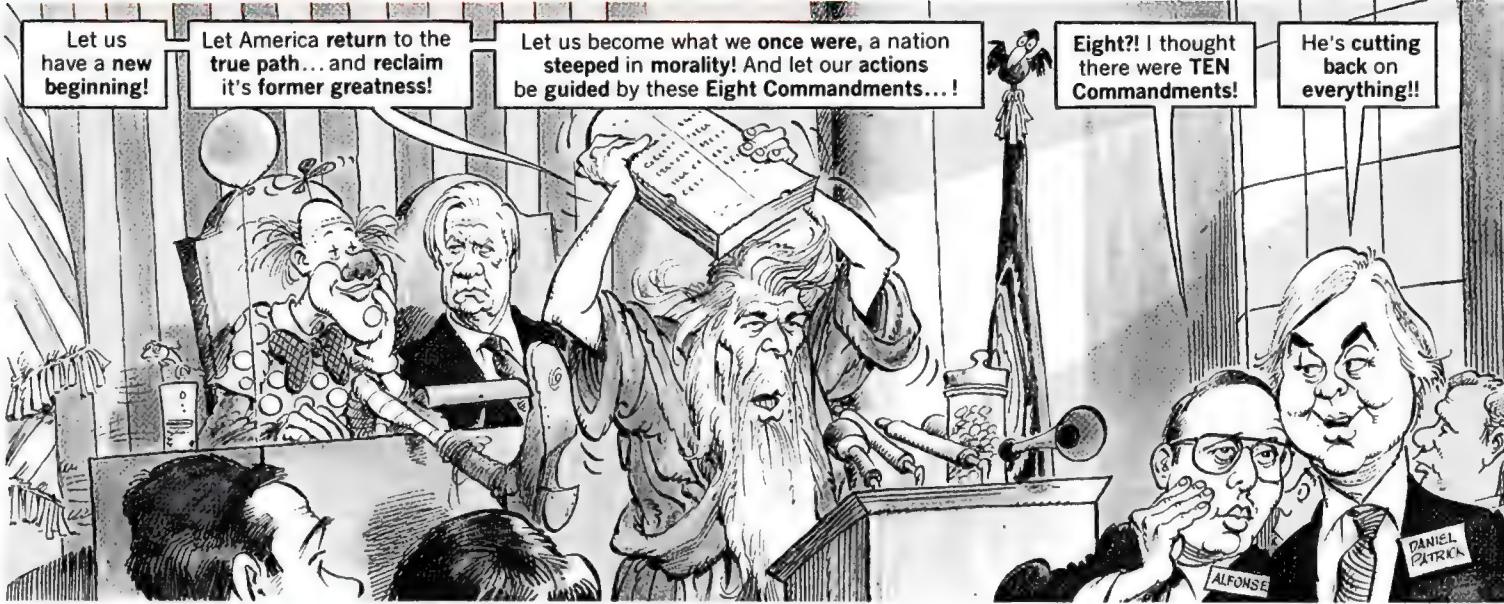
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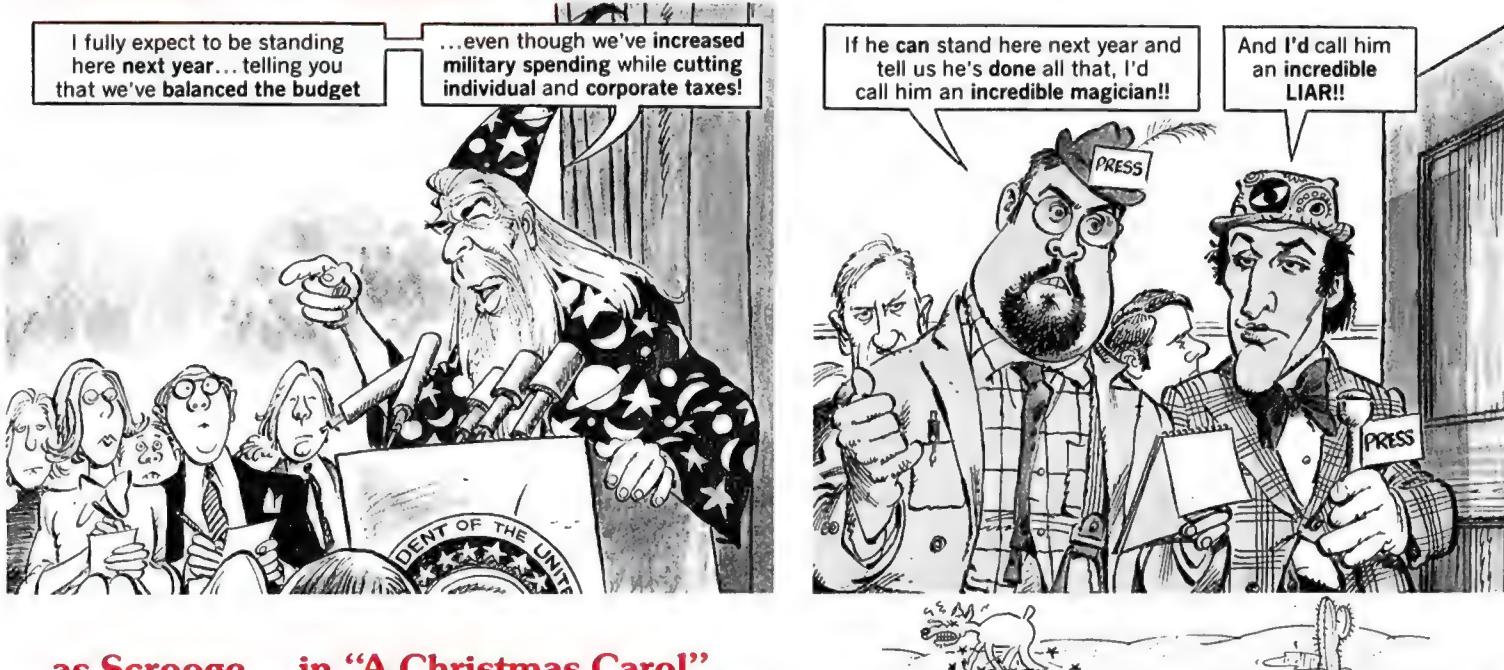
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...as Moses... in "The Ten Commandments"...



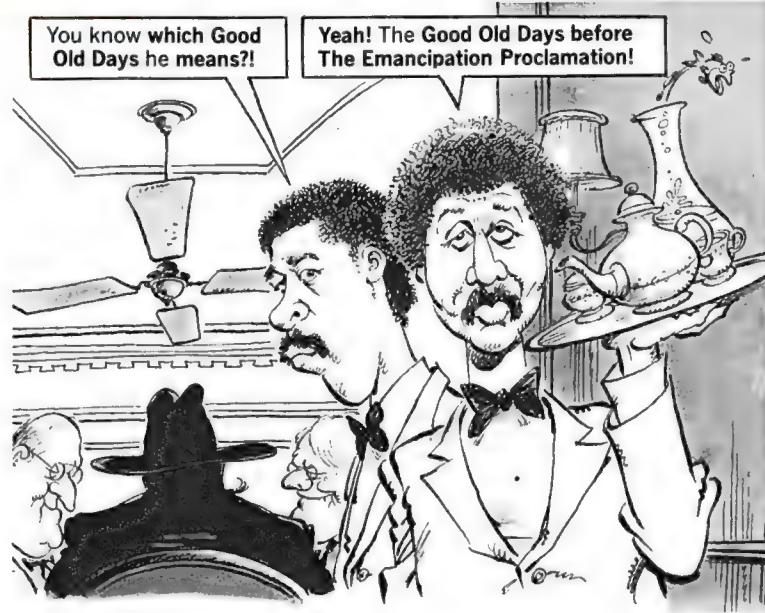
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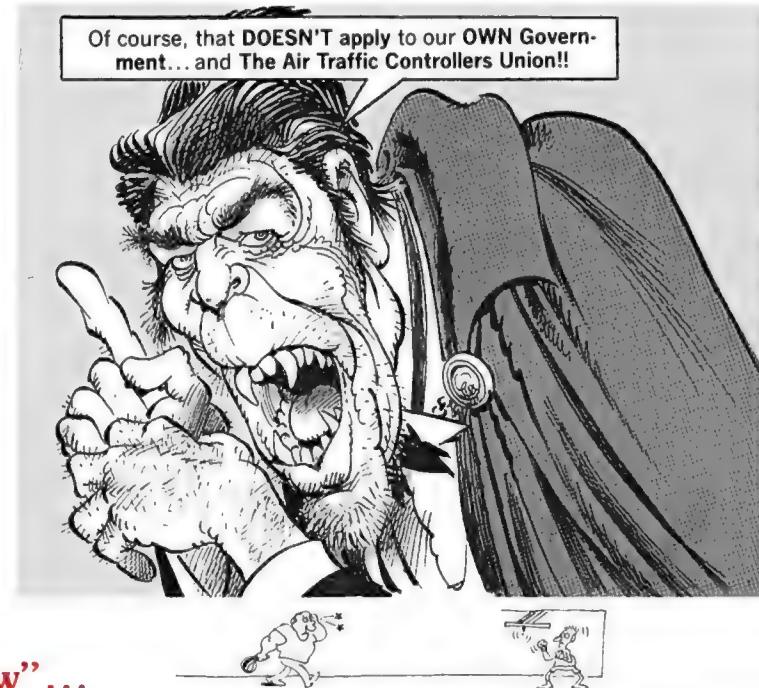
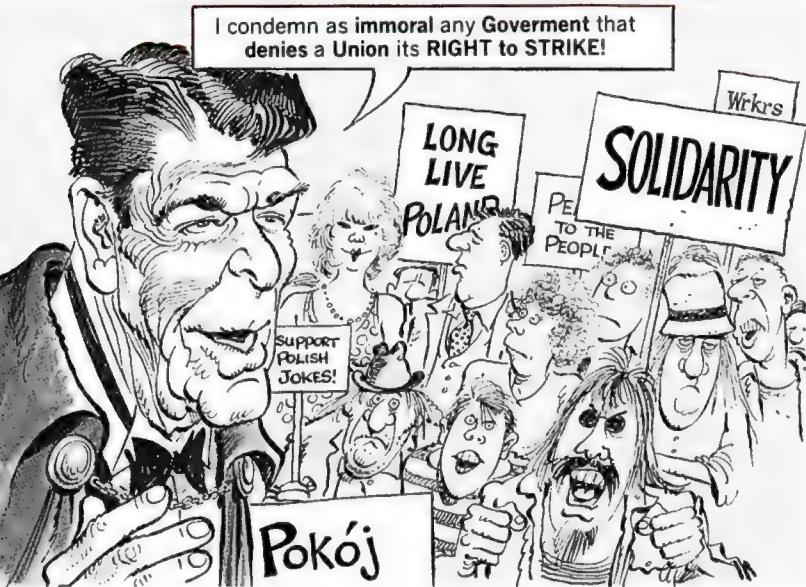
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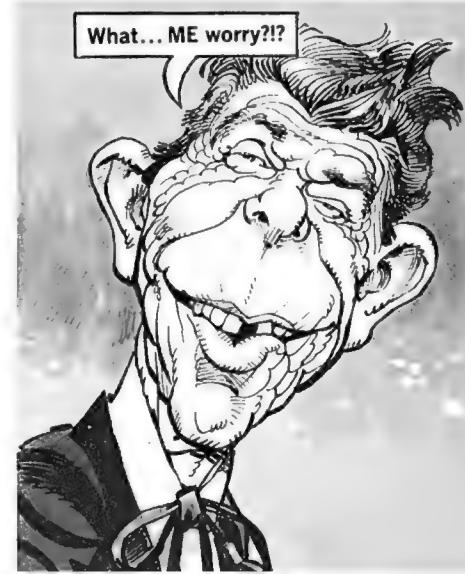
...as Simon Legree...in "Uncle Tom's Cabin"...



...as "Dr. Jekyll And Mr. Hyde"...



...as What's-His-Name in "Apocalypse Now"...



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